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MOON AS SEEN FROM CHANDRAYAAN-3

A day after Chandrayaan-3 entered the lunar orbit, the ISRO on Sunday released a video of the Moon as viewed by Chandrayaan-3. The video showed the Moon in bluish green colour with many craters. It was released hours before the second major manoeuvre which is to take place on Sunday night | ISRO | P7

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आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव

विकास पर्व

16th July to 14th August, 2023

ADVANCING AGRICULTURE
ADVANCING FARMERS

AGRICULUTRE GROWTH RATE
3%
2002-03
19%
2020-21

AGRICULTURE BUDGET
600cr.
2002-03
53,964cr.
2023-24

SOWING AREA
199 Lac HA
2002-03
299 Lac HA
2022-23

FOOD PRODUCTION
159 Lac MT
2002-03
619 Lac MT
2022-23

IRRIGATION CAPACITY
7.68 Lac HA
2002-03
47 Lac HA+
2023
65 Lac HA
(TARGET)
2025

FARM POWER AVAILABILITY
(PER HECTARE)
0.65 KW
2003
2.72 KW
2023

CROP PRODUCTION
(MT)
224.07 Lac
2003
725.50 Lac
2023

PADDY PRODUCTION
(LAC MT)
17.50
2003
131.87
2023

WHEAT PRODUCTION
(LAC MT)
73.65
2003-04
352.73
2022-23

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MADHYA PRADESH WHERE FARMING IS JOYFUL

HELP IN HARD TIMES

- 100% compensation for 50% crop damage.
- Rs. 4000 Crore for crop loss in last 3 years.
- Rs. 2,123 Crore interest on loans waived off-Relief to 11 lakh.

FARMING BECOMES PROFITABLE

- Interest-free farm loans worth Rs. 49,000 Crore.
- Helped the farmers with Rs. 10,000 annually by adding Rs. 4,000 from the Chief Minister Kisan Kalyan Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- Rs. 27,626 Crore disbursed under crop insurance scheme.

CELEBRATING FARM ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. TIMELY ASSISTANCE
2. USE OF MODERN FARM MACHINERY
3. REDUCING COST OF AGRICULTURE
4. INCREASING AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
5. BEST REMUNERATIVE PRICES
6. FARMER PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS
7. ENSURING CROP DIVERSITY, PROMOTING ORGANIC FARMING

EVERY MOMENT WITH FARMERS

Rs 4 lakh assistance for loss of life, Rs 16000 to Rs 30000 for loss of annimal, Rs 3000 to 101900 for house damage and Rs 5000 to 30000 for crop loss.

WATER RICH FIELDS

Irrigation Capacity-47 Lac hectare (2023).

Irrigation Target 65 Lac hectare (2025).

HONOURING THE ENTERPRISES OF FARMERS

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Police and paramilitary forces keep a watch at the Gyanvapi mosque complex as a team of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) arrives to conduct a scientific survey at the mosque in Varanasi on Sunday | PTI

GYANVAPI SURVEY RESUMES ON DAY 3

The Archaeological Survey of India resumed the survey of the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi on the third day on Sunday to determine if the 17th-century mosque was constructed over a pre-existing structure, even as the Muslim side warned they would boycott the entire exercise if "rumours" are spread that Hindu religious symbols and objects have been found.

सत्यमेव जयते
राजस्थान सरकार

Public sentiment gets honoured
Now Rajasthan becomes a State with
50 DISTRICTS

New Districts

- Anupgarh
- Balotara
- Beawar
- Deeg
- Deedwana-Kuchaman
- Dudu
- Gangapur City
- Jaipur Rural
- Jodhpur Rural
- Kekri
- Kotputli-Behror
- Khairthal-Tijara
- Neem Ka Thana
- Phalodi
- Salumbar
- Sanchore
- Shahpura

New Divisions

- Sikar
- Banswara
- Pali

*Indicative map/Not to scale

Rajasthan being the largest state from geographical point of view, the need for administrative strengthening was felt for quite a long time. The districts being large, the service delivery was difficult and it was also taking more time for the common man to go to the district headquarters.

Now with the formation of new districts, time and resources will be saved and work will gain new speed and new opportunities will be created. Today, the foundation day of the newly formed districts is being celebrated with pomp and show. Best wishes to all the people of the state on this historic occasion.

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

Join Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot
Live in District Foundation Programme at 12 noon

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Revenue Department, Rajasthan

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Monday: 07/08/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Adhika Shravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Shashti 10.59 pm • Nakshatra: Revathi 7.58 am • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST: Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise 6.06 am | Sunset 6.44 pm | Moonrise 11.18 pm | Moonset 11.18 am

BDA to pay car park cost to villa owner

Consumer panel says it's unfair trade practice, buyer could not make informed decision

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

HOLDING BDA responsible for deficiency in service and unfair trade practice, the third Additional Bangalore Urban District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission directed it to refund Rs 2 lakh levied for car parking after allotment of a villa, along with Rs 10,000 litigation expenses to the complainant, Apoorva S Kademane, residing in Jalahalli.

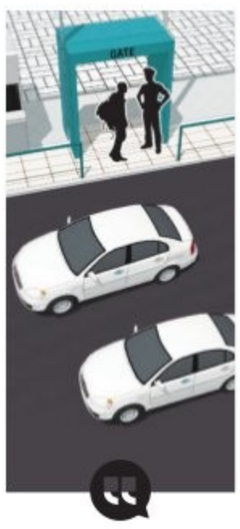
The commission, comprising president Shivarama K and members Chandrashekar S Noola and Rekha Sayannavar, passed the order while partly allowing the complaint filed by Apoorva.

The commission said the allotment letter dated August 24, 2017, does not mention any car parking charges but subsequently, a separate notification dated November 3, 2017, was issued by the BDA commissioner, giving details about parking slots, which is unfair.

It stated that BDA's intention was to allot available covered car parking slots for the villas, and that complete information about car parking was not provided at the time or prior to allotment. It is BDA's responsibility to tell the consumer of any charges that will be levied at the initial stage, so the consumer can make an informed decision. Hence, the notification is against natural justice and BDA's act amounts to deficiency in service and unfair trade practice, the commission noted.

The complainant claimed a refund of the amount paid towards GST to the BDA. However, BDA informed the commission that the matter is pending before the high court, and the outcome of the petition will determine its course of action.

In her complaint, Apoorva Kademane stated that they were allotted a row house or villa in the city for Rs 42 lakh, with an additional payment of Rs 91,250, totalling Rs 42,91,250. However, BDA collected Rs 2 lakh towards car parking though it is part of the villa, and Rs 5.04 lakh towards GST, which she believes to be illegal. She contended that advertisement issued by BDA did not mention any charges for car parking or GST. It was only later that BDA issued a notification regarding car parking charges. She argued that BDA had already collected VAT and other applicable government levies during construction of the house, making collection of GST duplicative.



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Apoorva Kademane's plaint

Society identifies another promoter

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"THE builder sold 45 3-BHK flats for prices ranging between Rs 1.5 crore and Rs 2 crore. Later, the builder conveyed his inability to complete the work citing financial problems," Anil Navali, president of the society, told *The New Indian Express*.

The RERA registration for it ended on March 30, 2021. Work on most of the amenities, including the promised club house, did not start, Navali said. "While some buyers had paid 80% of the project cost, a few paid the full amount."

With no solution in sight, the buyers approached RERA in 2021. "After 22 hearings in one-and-a-half years, the authority ruled in our favour," the president said.

The association has identified another promoter who is willing to fund the project and raise resources through unsold flats, he said.

The RERA order has given the society a deadline of 18 months to complete the project work. The order also freezes the existing account maintained by the promoter.

"All liabilities of the original promoter, including the funds he had taken, will remain with him," Anil said.

PEOPLE AND PETALS

Visitors throng the Glass House for the Independence Day Flower Show at Lalbagh on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Over 30,000 register on first day of KCET option entry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OVER 30,000 candidates registered on the first day of option entry for the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) on Sunday.

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) informed that this was the highest number of option entries taking place on a single day. This is also the first time that the authority has allowed option entry for all courses, including medical and engineering, simultaneously, based on priority. Of the five lakh options, three lakh entries were related to engineering courses, 1.25 lakh entries for medical courses, and 75,000 entries for agriculture, veterinary sciences, and other courses.

Option entry began at 7am on Sunday. KEA Executive Director S Ramya said that initially, the first two hours of option entry had faced several issues due to a server problem. "The first two hours were a bit of a problem as the server was a bit slow. Later, after computer engineers fixed the issue, the candidates did their job of enrolling in the courses as per their wishes," she said.

Option entry will go on till August 9, with the mock seat allotment announced on August 10. Following the publication of the mock results, candidates will have from August 11 to 14 to change their options. The entire first round seat allotment will be completed on August 16, with the publication of the allotment results after 6pm, Ramya said.

In order to aid candidates in option entry, the KEA had also published a video clip and other instructions on their website (kea.kar.nic.in) on how to do option entry.

KEA advances PGCET by two months

BELAGAVI: Students aspiring to get admitted to postgraduate programmes such as MBA, MCA, M.Arch, M.Tech and ME this academic year and preparing to appear for PGCET are in shock as the KEA has announced that it will conduct the entrance test two months early. In its notification dated on August 4, the KEA said the PGCET for candidates to take admission for various PG courses in Karnataka will be held on September 9-10. The KEA had conducted the PGCET in the month of November in 2022 and 2021. Thus, the students who were preparing to appear for the PGCET have been caught unawares as they have very little time to prepare. Moreover, students from BBA, BCA and other branches will be appearing for viva and project report presentations in the first week of September. The universities tentatively said the examination of the 6th semester of UG programmes will be held in September.

RAPE CASE

Child Rights panel for shutting down of school

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the alleged rape of a 10-year-old girl at a private school in Bengaluru by the school's principal, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has asked the education department to shut down the school.

On Friday, the 65-year-old administrative director and principal of a private school in Kachamaranahalli, Varthur, was arrested on charges of raping one of his students, a 10-year-old girl, who was diagnosed with dyslexia. Following the incident, members of the KSCPCR, including Chairman K Naganna Gowda, visited the school as well as the house of the victim.

Due to the nature of the incident as well as the accused occupying a high position at the school, concern was raised that this was not the first such incident and several students may have been abused in a similar fashion. This was especially as the accused had lured the victim to his house which was part of the school campus. Due to this, following the KSCPCR visit, the chairman recommended to the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) to shut down the school.

"Investigations are still ongoing and we have already visited the school and made our report. Compensation has been given to the victim's family as well. It has been recommended to the education department to shut down the school," the chairman said.

BCAS Regional Director Rajiv Kumar Rai (left, with bouquet) welcomes BIAL MD Hari Marar at the forecourt of KIA's Terminal 1, where an exhibition was held, on Sunday

'Airport, flight security everyone's responsibility'

BENGALURU: An effort to make airports and skies safer was made during the Aviation Security Culture Week conducted at all the airports in Karnataka. The theme of the mega event was 'See it, Say it, Secure it'. Jose Mohan, Inspector General of the CISF, who delivered a talk during the concluding seminar, spoke about the importance of security at airports and requested support of all stakeholders to strengthen it. "Security is everyone's responsibility," he said, according to a release from the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). The event began on July 31 and concluded on August 5. Rajiv Kumar Rai, Regional Director, BCAS, Bengaluru, said, "This is an effort by BCAS to spread the awareness on the importance of inculcating a culture of security, not only by staff working in the field, but also for passengers." ENS

Targeted killings going on in Jammu, says Madhu Kishwar

ENS @ Bengaluru

UNTIL today, no political party has said that Kashmiri Pandits are living in exile, nobody has addressed that they are scared to go back to their homelands, said author and activist Madhu Purnima Kishwar. "Today, targeted killings are happening in all parts of the country and we need to join the dots, these are all examples of demographic invasion and terrorism spreading everywhere, starting from Jammu," the activist said, speaking at an event in the city on Sunday.

Condemning the killings in Jammu province, she recalled incidents of migrant labourers from Bihar being killed, and not allowing people from other states in Jammu. She called it a "big security risk" and an agenda-driven tactic to capture the entire Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) area. Taking part in the talk on demographic invasion in the Jammu province named 'Is Jammu going the Kashmir way?' organised by Kashmiri Hindu Cultural Welfare Trust in Bengaluru, she said Hindu families don't want to keep their children in J&K as they see no future there.

She alleged that most of the funds given for development are going to Kashmir, while Jammu gets only a small fraction, despite the abolition of Article 370. "The mainstream media is portraying that peace has prevailed in Jammu and Kashmir in the last year, and the valley is back to normal but nobody is talking about how Hindu colonies are being held hostage, and they are forced to leave their homes under threat," said Kishwar. She added that different strategies are being adopted to change the narrative.

Former additional chief secretary to the Government of Karnataka, Madabhushi Madan Gopal said, "Our democracy is being threatened by demographic imbalance. There is a huge cultural threat because of demographic dividend in different pockets of India." He added that "incremental interpretations (identifying small acts of violence) will not stop terrorism." We need to understand narratives and the larger agenda, be vigilant about them and change them. "We cannot let India go the Kashmir way," Gopal stated.

EXPRESS READ

NAAC adviser to inaugurate hackathon

BENGALURU: MS Shyamsundar, senior adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), will inaugurate Kavach 2023, a cyber security hackathon, at AMC Engineering College on Bannerghatta Road on Tuesday. The event, which will be organised by the ministries of home affairs and education, will focus on creating a framework in the domain of cyber security using artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation, big data and cloud computing.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07TH August: General planetary trends advise us all to be very clear about our message and, in the afternoon, to be very careful. In other words, take no risks! Follow these guidelines and there will be little chance of misunderstandings. So, it's an ideal moment for laying old ghosts to rest and getting on with the future.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Do keep a secret, even if you suspect that others know what you're up to. You're too busy to indulge too many little whims, especially partners' trivial foibles. Do bear in mind that overseas connections are vital. News from afar will soon lift your emotions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Just what are other people up to? Somebody certainly seems to have a big claim on your time. Whether you should indulge their demands, though, is another question. On the whole, I don't think you have anything to lose, and you may have a great deal to gain!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You seem to have lost control over one important matter, probably something to do with day-to-day survival and responsibilities. Yet there's no problem that can't be solved by putting engagements off for a couple of days or weeks - or even months!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The day's stars certainly seem generally auspicious, but it is uncertain whether you really should be ambitious on your own account. You see, when passions are rising, life can go in any direction without warning. A good compromise may be to do your best by others!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
In many respects the current season is designed with you in mind. You were born with ample reserves of bonhomie and jolly generosity and it's fair enough for family, friends and partners to expect you to take the lead. Put any qualms to one side.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's not easy to take those awkward decisions, but why worry? Social events should take care of themselves, while even family questions will be answered to your satisfaction. The past should provide the inspiration for the present - and tomorrow, the future actually becomes the present!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may be relieved of a choice that needs to be made at home. On the one hand your dilemma may become far less pressing. On the other, you will find it much easier to talk to people around you. Luckily social prospects improve dramatically tomorrow, so keep your options open.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It now looks increasingly likely that a partner may have something significant to say, especially if you have inadvertently thrown your weight around. On the other hand, you may appreciate their apparent new-found interest in your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You will be liberated from a promised - or threatened - expense, but perhaps not for another forty-eight hours. All you can do now, though, is cough up and hope for the best - then wait. Social, romantic and emotional stars remain primed for passion at any price.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Today's top planetary pictures are somewhat sensitive and therefore ideal for those about to be swept away on a wave of sentiment. A special word for any of you expecting good news: seize the high ground and take no nonsense from anybody.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
For you more than most people, the meaning of the current week is extremely important and, if you listen to the voices within, you may gain one or two mystical realisations. You'll not be a hermit, though, as the relationship between stars in your house of friends and house of partners remains very special.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon is at your beck and call in a delicate and indecisive sort of a manner, which is an astrological way of saying that you may actually call the shots at home. Do so with your normal sensitivity and make a little time for business-like gatherings later on.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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2		7		5	4			
3	6						5	8
	9	1						
8			6	4		7		

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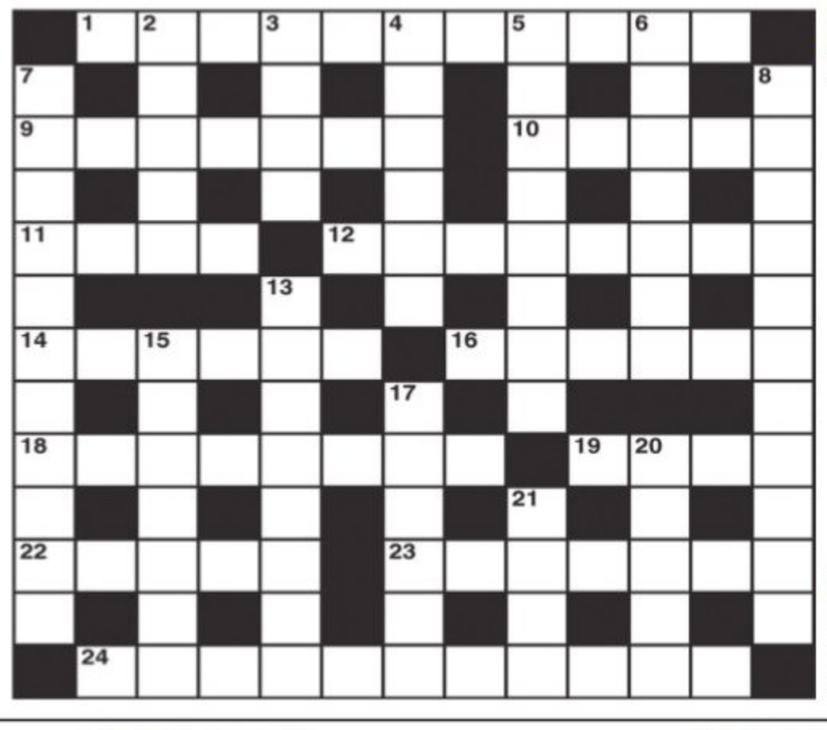
ru on Sunday.

SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Number employed in the theatre (11)
9 You might be if a plan goes wrong (2,1,4)
10 It's all right to go in the day before to call up (5)
11 It's nonsense to call for silence (4)
12 Don't give up in attempt to get a win (3,5)
14 Place in Italy to change planes (6)
16 We sold out of pegs (6)
18 Tedious but seems not enough to weary everyone (8)
19 In Laos look for the capital city (4)
22 Ore is refined in the wood (5)
23 It grinds audibly as it gets larger (7)
24 When it's too humid to hunt? (5,6)

DOWN

2 Approaches a listener in different ways (5)
3 They may be jellied or else cooked (4)
4 They start to perspire - from over-drinking? (6)
5 Its employers needn't take flight to reveal distress (8)
6 Cut off and also tie off (7)
7 Difference achieved by outstanding examination candidates (11)
8 Where people may drive after the service (6,5)
13 Hands and feet for example (8)
15 Biased to some extent (7)
17 I'm taking a long time getting the figures (6)
20 Prepared to fight (3-2)
21 Exceptionally big for example in degree (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Bounds, 4 Activate, 9 Losing, 10 Emergent, 12 Crab, 13 Tipsy, 14 Edit, 17 Curmudgeonly, 20 Apprehension, 23 Ante, 24 Array, 25 Etna, 28 Heathens, 29 Ragtag, 30 Last post, 31 Thirst.

Down: 1 Ball cock, 2 Upstairs, 3 Done, 5 Comes to a head, 6 Inre, 7 Agenda, 8 Estate, 11 Fingerprints, 15 Mumps, 16 Blind, 18 Dictator, 19 On target, 21 Warhol, 22 Straws, 26 Chap, 27 Rash.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

AOLTG

NUSAA

SOSWHO

RIDLEV

JUMBLE CITY
2 miles ahead of you, left.
We sold all our current locations.
We can afford to buy more spots now.
AS THEIR BILLBOARD BUSINESS BEGAN TO TAKE OFF, THE OWNERS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: BOOTH ELITE GOBLET AFFIRM
Answer: Can you think of a word meaning "physical strength"? You — MIGHT BE ABLE TO

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AT LEAST 30 KILLED AFTER TRAIN DERAILS IN PAK'S SINDH PROVINCE

The train was travelling en route from Karachi to Rawalpindi with about 1,000 passengers on board when it derailed near the city of Nawabshah

MIGHT BE A CASE OF SABOTAGE: RLY MINISTER

Pakistan's railway minister Khawaja Saad Rafique said it might be a case of sabotage. "There can be two reasons: it was a mechanical fault, or the fault was created — it might be a sabotage. We will investigate," he said. More than 100 passengers were injured. An emergency has been declared in hospitals in Sukkur and Nawabshah with doctors struggling to treat the wounded

AT LEAST EIGHT COACHES WENT OFF TRACK

- The toll could go up as some of the injured are in serious condition
- An official said at least eight bogies of the train derailed and the intensity of the accident increased due to delayed application of brakes
- Relief and rescue activities were progressing on Sunday night with some passengers still trapped inside coaches, hours after the accident

Three

COACHES OF AN EXPRESS TRAIN TO SIALKOT DERAILED IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT; NO INJURIES

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Oppn should stop playing negative politics, says PM

Takes 'quit India' jab at oppn bloc, accuses them of working against country's interests

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday tore into the Opposition accusing them of playing 'negative politics' and working against the interests of the country.

Addressing an event after laying the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 railway stations across the country via video conferencing, he said some political parties are hellbent on opposing everything the Central government does.

He said the world has acknowledged India's growth but a section of the Opposition is unable to see it as they are busy obstructing even the development works initiated by the government.

"They neither do anything for the country by themselves nor let anyone else do something for the benefit of the country. They are opposed to every good thing done by the present government," he said.

Taking the example of the new Parliament building, he said these parties boycotted the inauguration of the symbol of democracy, which has representation of both the government and the Opposition.

The government at the Centre is undeterred by such negative politics and will continue with its mission to develop the country, Modi said, adding: "We have taken the development of the country as a mission." He claimed his government gives top priority to development of the whole country, regardless of who is in power in which state.

Training his guns on the newly formed Opposition bloc INDIA, the PM further said: "The historic quit India movement was started on August 9. Inspired by this today, the whole country is saying quit India for every evils. The people are saying 'corruption should quit India now, dynasty should quit India now, and appeasement must quit India".

In a dig at the Congress, he said: "In 70 years, they did not construct a war memorial for martyrs but when we built one they did not even feel ashamed of criticising it publicly."

Speaking about the middle class, the PM also said their contribution to the nation is immense, pointing to the steady rise in the number of people filing income tax. This, according to him, is "a clear message that the scope of the middle class in the country is continuously increasing".

PM Modi speaks at the foundation stone laying for redevelopment of rly stations

'No hike in rail fares for station revamp'

There has been no hike in fares in the name of station redevelopment project, rail minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Sunday. He said the ₹25,000 crore needed for the project will be allocated through the current Budget

Demolition drive continues in Nuh for Day 4

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Haryana government on Sunday demolished a three-storey hotel from where stones were allegedly pelted on the procession organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal last week.

Continuing with its demolition drive in the violence-hit Nuh district, the administration on Sunday bulldozed 94 permanent and 212 temporary structures at 16 different places in the district.

Stones were reportedly pelted from all these structures and the local administration identified these from CCTV footage and videos shared on social media.

Police carried out special combing operations in Aravalli hills and recovered bullet shells, illegal weapons, and used petrol bombs.

Even as the drive continued on Sunday, police issued ultimatum to all absconding accused to surrender.

The demolition drive, however, found stiff resistance as some villagers blocked the roads.

Meanwhile, violating Section 144 of CrPC, a Mahapanchayat was held at Tighar village in Gurugram in which hundreds of people participated. It called for economic boycott of Muslims, asking people not to buy from shops owned by Muslim and denying them houses and shops on rent.

It even demanded dissolution of Nuh as a district saying that its villages merged with the districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Palwal and Rewari.

The Mahapanchayat was called to oppose the crackdown of police on village youth for communal violence in Gurugram including torching of mosques and murder of Imams. It gave one week's ultimatum to the police to release all arrested. Else Gurugram would be brought to a standstill, it threatened.

Meanwhile, a four-member delegation of the Communist Party of India was prevented from entering Nuh. CPI leader Binoy Viswam alleged that hooligans and goons are allowed to move freely but the CPI leaders were stopped.

"We have decided to go back because we don't want any confrontation. Hooligans, goons and miscreants can go freely, but democratic people who have come here for peacemaking are stopped," he said, adding: "We do not want to create a tussle here."

The three-storey Sahara Hotel being demolished in Nuh district on Sunday | PTI

A house that was set on fire amid violence in Imphal West | PTI

15 houses torched, gunfights in two Manipur villages

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INTENSE gunfights were reported from Manipur's Bishnupur and Churachandpur districts on Sunday, a day after five people were killed in three incidents and some 15 abandoned houses were torched. Shots were fired intermittently as violence erupted in two adjoining villages on the border of the two districts around 5 pm. Local residents said they also heard the sound of bomb blasts.

The 15 houses were torched by a mob at Langol Games village in the restive Imphal West district on late on Saturday night. The security personnel had to use force to control the arsonists. A 45-year-old man was shot in the leg during the violence.

The arson attack was carried out hours after suspected militants killed three people, including a father-son duo, in the Kwakta area of Bishnupur. Atleast two people were killed on Sunday. One of them died when a crude bomb he was carrying exploded. The other was killed in a gunfight.

An additional 10 companies of Central forces arrived in the state on Saturday night.

The 10 companies comprise five from Central Reserve Police Force, three from Border Security Force, and one each from Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Sashastra Seema Bal.

Meanwhile, Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), Meitei civil society organisation, announced an indefinite boycott against the state government for failing to heed to its demand to convene a special session of the Assembly over the situation.

NDA partner pulls out of Manipur government

Kuki People's Alliance (KPA), an alliance partner of Manipur's ruling NDA government, announced on Sunday it was pulling out of the government over the situation. The development won't affect the government, as the BJP has 37 seats in the 60-strong Assembly

Cauvery release stopped for irrigation, diverted to TN

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THE Irrigation Department has stopped release of water from the KRS and Kabini reservoirs for irrigation in their catchment areas and instead diverted the same to Tamil Nadu.

Enraged by this, farmers in the catchment areas of both the reservoirs said that the decision is against their interests.

Officials have released 5,356 cusecs of water into the river as the KRS reservoir recorded an inflow of 5,270 cusecs. The reservoir now has 35.235 tmcft of water as against 46 tmcft recorded during the corresponding period last year.

The decision to release water has been taken when the monsoon is weak in the state, especially in Kodagu, and in the Wayanad region of Kerala, the catchment areas of the two reservoirs.

Because of the poor inflow, the reservoirs in the state's Cauvery basin are yet to be filled. This is the reason for the delay in Karnataka releasing Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery water.

Meanwhile, the Tamil Nadu government has written to the Prime Minister's Office to intervene and ensure that it gets its share of Cauvery water.

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy said that a meeting of the Irrigation Consultative Committee will be held on Wednesday to take a decision on releasing water for the standing crops in the state's Cauvery basin region. P6

RERA asks home buyers to take over project

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN yet another landmark verdict in favour of home buyers, the Karnataka-Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) has asked a residential society at Nagawara in the city to take control of an upscale project left incomplete by the builder for the last seven years.

It has also authorised the society to sell the unsold flats to mobilise funds to complete the project work.

The Hanging Gardens Nagawara Flat Owners' Co-operative Society was given the green signal on August 3 by a RERA bench comprising chairman HC Kishore Chandra and members Neelamani N Raju and GR Reddy.

Work on "Hanging Gardens" at Nagawara near Hebbal was launched by Koramangala-based Orchid Elite Developers Private Ltd (previously called Prisha Properties India Pvt Ltd) in 2014-2015. The three-tower nine-floor apartment complex with 132 flats was supposed to be ready by 2016 as per the original agreement. However, only less than 50 per cent of the work was completed by then. P4

EXPRESS READ

Poet Gaddar passes away at 77

Hyderabad: Renowned Telangana folk singer and balladeer Gaddar, who was popularly known for his revolutionary songs during the 1980s and later during the Telangana statehood agitation, passed away here on Sunday due to ill-health. He was 77. Born as Gummadi Vittal Rao at Toopran in Medak district in 1949, the renowned poet went on to become popular as 'Gaddar' | P7

Pak to send team for ODI World Cup in India

Chennai: The Pakistan government on Sunday announced that they have decided to send the country's men's cricket team to India for the 2023 ODI World Cup, due later this year | P15

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GP official ends life, blames BJP MLA in note

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A second division assistant at Upparigenahalli gram panchayat in Holalkere taluk committed suicide by drinking poison near Jankal village on Saturday night.

In a note, Thippeswamy, the official, stated that Holalkere BJP MLA M Chandrappa, gram panchayat executive officer Ravi and some members were responsible for his death.

However, in a complaint filed at Hosadurga police station, Rajashekhar, son of Thippeswamy, did not blame the MLA and the executive officer for the extreme step taken by his father.

Instead, Rajashekhar alleged that only panchayat members Mohan, Murthy, Ugrappa, Lava and Rajappa used to harass his father.

In his note, Thippeswamy stated that Chandrappa, Ravi, Mohan, Murthy, Ugrappa, Lava and Rajappa were responsible for his death.

However, Chandrappa refuted the allegation made against him and said, "Being a senior MLA, I interact with gazetted officers only and not with panchayat level officials."

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Over 30,000 candidates registered on the first day of option entry for the Karnataka Common Entrance Test on Sunday. The Karnataka Examination Authority said this was the highest number of option entries on a single day

AHEAD OF 2024 LS POLLS, BJP TO STUDY IMPACT OF CONG SCHEMES

Party fears guarantees will convert into votes; May find it tough to retain 25 seats

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has taken a dig at the Karnataka Congress government, predicting that its guarantee schemes will bankrupt the state, and funds for development will run dry.

Yet, the BJP think-tank has a plan to study the impact of the guarantees on the electorate, with the 2024 Lok Sabha polls coming up.

The five guarantees, including Anna Bhagya, Gruha Lakshmi, Shakti, Gruha Jyoti and Yuva Nidhi, are likely to cover a major section of the 5.21 crore electorate, including unemployed youth in the age group of 18-25, provided they are implemented effectively. Except for Yuva Nidhi, the government has kicked off the remaining four schemes.

"We know the guarantees are a factor in the Congress party's win, so we are planning to conduct a study on whether these guarantees will have an impact on the electorate, and convert into votes for the Congress,'' a senior BJP leader said, admitting that people are attracted to freebies. A strategy will be chalked out to tackle the Congress ahead of the LS polls, he added.

Since the BJP won 25 of 28 seats in Karnataka in the 2019 LS polls, it is now a challenge for the party to retain the seats in 2024. The polls are crucial as the I.N.D.I.A alliance launched in Bengaluru by 26 opposition parties, led by the Congress, is likely to have a significant impact in Karnataka.

There was also scepticism over sustenance of the guarantees, and for how long the government can implement them. "How long will they give? By January, the government may face a challenge," another BJP leader remarked. But within the party, many are of the opinion that the guarantees should be studied.

The BJP leadership is also pinning hope on the Congress government erring in implementation of the schemes, so it can capitalise on its failure. If the Congress is forced to go back on its word due to a financial crunch, the BJP would make that its poll plank.

Senior leader and former minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Sunday said the BJP will win all 28 seats in Karnataka, by highlighting issues of corruption and maladministration in the Siddaramaiah government.

JDS leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy has started attacking the government on graft charges, and has alleged that Rs 1,000 crore has changed hands for transfers.

"Rs 20,000 crore to Rs 25,000 crore is enough for guarantees, while Rs Rs 40,000 crore has been collected as additional tax revenue last year. Tax collection is beyond expectations but why did Siddaramaiah present a deficit budget?" he said, demanding a white paper on the state's financial situation.

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MAMMOTH BLESSING

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara is blessed by an elephant on his 73rd birthday in Tumakuru on Sunday. Thousands of his supporters and top officials wished him on the occasion | EXPRESS

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi speaks at the inauguration of Amrit Bharat station at Alnavar on Sunday

'Will retire if Cong proves allegation'

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UNION Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi has challenged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar to prove their allegation regarding the central government waiving of loans for businessmen. "If they can prove their allegations then I will retire from politics. If not then they should retire," he said during the inauguration of Amrit Bharat station in Alnavar of the district on Sunday.

"Congress leaders are busy opposing all schemes and projects taken up by the Central government and are bent on making false allegations. A majority of party leaders in the state are involved in transfer business and they do not have any moral to accuse others," he said.

"We, the BJP government, are acting according to the constitution and law and also making efforts to bring back all such defaulters. We have achieved some success too in this regard," he added.

CM, DyCM TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MLAs, LEGISLATORS

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar will hold a series of meetings from Monday with ministers and legislators to boost coordination between district in-charge ministers and MLAs.

On Monday, the CM will hold talks with district in-charge ministers of Tumkuru, Yadagir, Chitradurga, Bagalkot, Ballari and Dharwad districts. The meetings will held from 11 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 7 pm. This is the first such meeting by the CM and Deputy CM after they received complaints from legislators, especially senior MLAs, in the recently held Congress Legislative Party (CLP) meeting in Bengaluru.

Sources in the party said ever since the government was formed in May this year, there has been indifference between party leaders, ministers and also among MLAs. A few of them, including Aland MLA BR Patil, former minister Basavaraj Rayareddy and others wrote to the CM demanding better coordination. The situation had even turned ugly, putting the party into embarrassment. The CLP meeting too did not yield any results. "This is why the CM and party leaders decided to address the matter. The meeting will also have MLAs from districts along with district in-charge ministers," sources said.

Sources also said there is dissatisfaction among MLAs over constituency grants which is likely to be addressed. They will also focus on transfers of officials which has been an issue. In a day-long meeting, Siddaramaiah is likely to address indifference among them. It can be noted that two groups, one supporting Siddaramiah and the other Shivakumar is creating more friction. "Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, it is challenging for the Congress to show unity. The CM will meet all MLAs and district in-charge ministers in the next few days," sources said.

CID DGP Dr MA Salim and officials at Nandi Parvat Ashram in Hirekudi village

Monk murder case: CID DGP visits ashram

Belagavi: CID DGP MA Salim visited the Nandi Parvat Ashram at Hirekudi village in Chikkodi taluk in connection with the investigation into the murder of Jain monk Kamkumar Nandi Maharaj. He inspected the room here Nandi Maharaj was staying and gathered information from residents. The monk was brutally murdered on July 5 and his body, which was chopped into pieces, was found in an open borewell four days later. The Belagavi police had arrested the two men in a few hours after the case was registered. As many organisations and political leaders across the state demanded a high-level investigation, the government handed over the case to the CID for further investigation. ENS

Govt charging crores for transfers: Kateel

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BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel alleged that the Congress government in the state has opened a shop to run a "transfer business" and fixed a rate for each post. Speaking to reporters here on Sunday, Kateel said former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy was right in his statement that corruption is at its peak in the state. He said officials are being charged Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore for transfers.

Kateel said due to implementation of guarantee schemes, other development works have taken a back seat in the state and referred to Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's reported statement that it will be difficult to take up development works while implementing the guarantee schemes.

Will give fitting response to HDK, says Shivakumar

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DEPUTY Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Sunday said he will give a fitting response to JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy for making allegations of corruption against the state Congress government.

"Kumaraswamy said that he will take up the issue of the implementation of BMIC projects by NICE with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I will give a fitting response to this," he told reporters.

"When the time comes, I will answer. I know Kumaraswamy. I have contested against him and his father as well in the polls. My younger brother contested against his wife. Right now I will not discuss much," he said.

Meanwhile, he held a meeting with Muslim leaders ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha and BBMP polls and promised adequate representation for the community. The party high command and CM will take a call on the nomination for three MLC posts that are vacant, he said clarifying that he will not comment on Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's office writing to the chief secretary of the state to examine the proposal. "I will not discuss the governor asking for a report as the chief minister and our high command will finalise the names of the candidates," he said.

It may be noted here that names of former ministers M R Seetharam, Mansur Ali Khan and Sudham Das were proposed to the government. According to sources, there might be some changes as former minister Umashree has also emerged as a strong contender as the CM's candidate.

Delimitation of BBMP wards

The BJP government had divided their constituencies in the name of delimitation of wards making it impossible for muslims to contest from their constituencies by changing the reservation despite having a considerable population, Shivakumar said. "This has been a deliberate act to split their votes. Hence, the minorities have been asked to give tickets from the constituencies. The matter will be placed before the corporation election committee and they will be given the provision to contest based on their population," he said.

On the demand of the community for two Lok Sabha seats, Shivakumar clarified that they will be given tickets proportionate to their population and there is nothing wrong in them seeking tickets.

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'Why HDK firing shots in the air'

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HEALTH Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Sunday flayed JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy over his allegations of corruption against the government. "Kumaraswamy's sleep and peace has been destroyed ever since the Congress government came to power. It is obvious that he is in despair and he has made it his full-time occupation to level unsubstantiated and false allegations against our government. All right, let us say he has an allegation to make, but he should prove it. Why just fire shots in the air?" Gundu Rao said.

Gundu Rao tweeted, "HDK brandishes a pen drive on one occasion and on another shows a CD to help make his allegations against our government. If he really has any documentary evidence, let him release it. None of us have restrained Kumaraswamy's hands. Who would be afraid if HDK repeatedly behaved like the protagonist of the wolf-wolf story?"

He continued, "It is no secret that HDK had dreamt of becoming a 'kingmaker' before the elections. But the people mandate has shattered his dream of becoming 'kingmaker.' HDK, whose dream was shattered, has become like a jilted lover. Therefore, he is making false allegations against our government."

Release water to canals immediately: Kuruburu

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HOWEVER, officials are silent on the farmers' demand to release water for irrigation.

Strongly opposing the state government's decision, Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kuruburu Shanthakumar said water is being released to Tamil Nadu ignoring the demands of farmers.

"The government has failed to protect the interests of farmers who are now unable to take up sowing due to scanty rainfall. Water should be released into canals for irrigation immediately," Shanthakumar said.

Claiming that excess water has flowed to Tamil Nadu, which is more than the quantum fixed by the apex court in the past three years, he said that construction of a balancing reservoir at Mekedatu would have helped Karnataka in storing surplus water, which could have been used at the time of distress.

Shankthakumar said farmers will lay siege to the deputy commissioner's office and Bannari Sugars' sub-division office in Mysuru district on August 14 demanding that they be paid dues for sugarcane supplied last year.

"We gave a memorandum to district in-carge minister HC Mahadevappa in this regard some time ago. But nothing has been done so far," Shankthakumar said.

Shanthakumar said the government should release compensation under the crop insurance scheme for distressed cotton growers.

He also demanded that the government take steps to ensure 12 hours of uninterrupted power supply to irrigation pumpsets during the day.

Farmers urge govt to declare villages drought hit, threaten to migrate to Maha

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FARMERS residing in drought-hit areas of Athani, Chikkodi, Raibag and Kagwad have warned of migrating to Maharashtra in search of jobs as it has become difficult for them to survive due to either drought or floods. The farmers apprised about their situation to Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil during his visit to their villages recently. He was accompanied by Kagwad MLA Raju Kage. The farmers said their villages hardly received rainfall during the monsoon. They said heavy rainfall in Maharashtra led to floods in their village through Krishna River. Lack of rain in their villages damaged their crops and dearth of fodder is affecting their cattle. Besides, there were no jobs in and around their villages.

The farmers said that this was the reason which was encouraging them to migrate from here and shift to the border areas of Maharashtra where, they said, they will get one or the other job which could help them survive.

Former Zilla Panchayat Member Vinayak Bagadi said that the financial situation of farmers was critical in the drought-hit areas of Athani, Kagwad, Chikkodi and Raibag. He said the government should take initiative by introducing some schemes for the welfare of farmers of those areas that can provide them income and help their survival.

Kage said he had already explained in detail about the situation of farmers in drought-hit areas to Patil, who has assured them to send a report to the government on this matter. He urged the government, based on the report submitted by Patil, to declare all those areas in Athani, Kagwad, Chikodi and Raibag as drought-hit.

Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil along with MLA Raju Kage during his visit to drought-hit villages in Kagwad recently. | EXPRESS

Will stay in BJP till retirement: Pramod

Udupi: BJP leader Pramod Madhwaraj said he is a strong ticket aspirant for a BJP ticket from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha constituency. At present, the constituency is represented by Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje. "I am not fully sure that the party will give me the ticket. If any other leaders are made a candidate, I will sincerely support the party candidate," he told reporters at his residence recently. He clarified that some people are making misleading statements that he has plans to quit the BJP. "Till my last breath or till my retirement in politics, whichever is earlier, I will be in the BJP as a party worker," he said. ENS

Advocates' Protection Bill to be tabled next session

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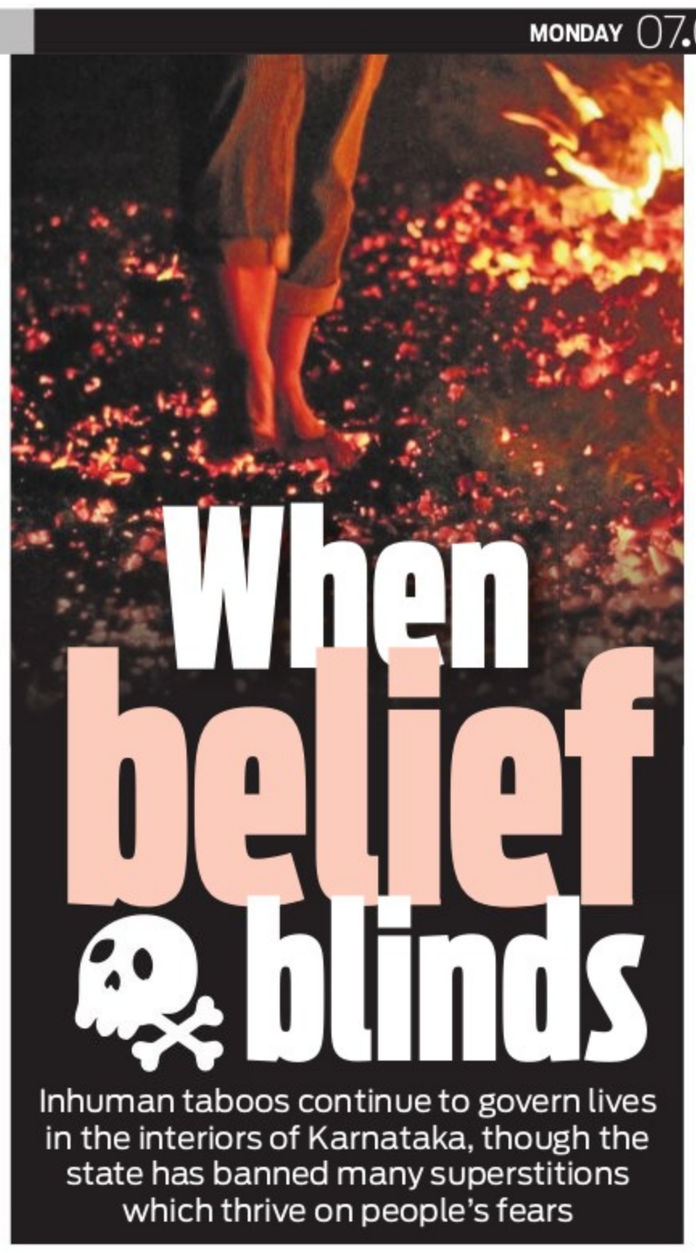
VIRAJPET MLA A S Ponnanna said the Advocates' Protection Bill is getting final touches and will be tabled in the next legislative session after discussions with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. He was speaking at a programme organised to felicitate him and Madikeri MLA Dr Mantar Gowda by the Bar Association in Madikeri. Ponnanna said the state BAR Council has pressed for the enactment of the bill. Stating that a lawyer's job is an honourable one, he said it is the duty of the lawyers to uphold the honour of courts. He said he did not lobby for the post of legal advisor to the CM but got it owing to respect he has earned as an advocate.

Madikeri MLA Dr Mantar Gowda promised to resolve problems in the new court complex in the city. He said lawyers are free to raise their voices of dissent during the ceremony.

Prameela, from Bachupally, was pushed under a running lorry by her boyfriend, Tirupati, in Kondapur. As per officials, the victim and the suspect have been in a relationship since a month. As the former pestered the latter for marriage, he decided to push her under a running lorry which killed her on the spot



When belief blinds

Inhuman taboos continue to govern lives in the interiors of Karnataka, though the state has banned many superstitions which thrive on people's fears

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

LAST month, a one-month-old infant, who along with her mother, was forced to live in a makeshift tent as part of an age-old custom of the Kadugolla community at Mallenahalli Gollarahatti, died. As per their customary tradition, the new mother was living separately – outside her house along with her infant, when the baby fell sick due to respiratory infection, and later died. Police registered an FIR against the infant's father and maternal grandfather under the Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Act, 2017.

The practice of forceful quarantine of menstruating and postpartum females among the Kadugollas stems from the fear of consequences of breaking the tradition. Fear of earning 'divine wrath' is the single most important factor that allows superstitions to thrive from one generation to the next in all societies, across the world.

One can find girls and women staying inside a makeshift shack when they are on their period or have just gone through childbirth, in Kadugolla hamlets, also called Gollaradoddi or Gollarahatti. In the absence of a shack, many menstruating females spend the first three days of their menstruation cycle under a tree, and are allowed inside the house on the fourth day of their period.

The 'belief' that a woman is impure when she is menstruating has been perpetuated from primitive to modern times across societies, globally, and is at the core of women's oppression and feminist debates. From a 'rationalist' perspective of allowing her rest from household chores to keeping her 'safe' from male physical encounters during the period, "women's bodies have been used by communities and society to maintain culture and purity", said Dr R Indira, visiting professor, Dr BR Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore.

Menstrual taboo is one among several such superstitions – a set of beliefs or practices that are not based on facts or reality -- that continue to thrive in Karnataka despite the ban. These have been passed from one generation to the other, largely through "folklore", under the threat of the 'forseeable' consequences should one dare to break them.

Global phenomenon

Superstitions are not typical to one religion, caste or community. They are part of societies across the world and have nothing to do with literacy, education and one's socio-economic holding. "The lure of the divine in the middle of uncertainty surrounding life is what feeds superstition. It works like mental medicine for people gripped by fear," said eminent writer, thinker and linguist Prof Ganesh Devy.

From the upper caste offering food mixed with hair and nails to the Koragas for the most dehumanising 'Ajalu' practice, despite the Karnataka Koragas (Prohibition of Ajalu Practice) Act, 2000, to 'Seedi', animal sacrifices etc, some of these practices continue to take place in the state's hinterland. Koragas fall under the particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) category.

Susheela Nada, president of the Federation of Koraga Development Associations, Karnataka-Kerala, told TNIE that Koraga tribal people are still the most deprived in the region. "Though Ajalu practice, where Koragas are made to eat leftover food from upper caste households mixed with hair and fingernails, is banned, there are still incidents of the inhuman practice being followed in the interior parts of districts. But those instances do not come to light as the victims are old and uneducated. The government should continue to educate tribal people against victimisation," she said.

Seedi, another such ritual, is still performed in many rural areas, despite a ban. Recently, a 55-year-old woman of Tamba village in Indi taluka, Vijayapura district, fell to her death when the rope she was tied to, snapped. She died after falling from a height of over 50 feet. The woman had reportedly made a sacred vow to a village temple that she would perform Seedi, if her son got a government job. When her son got a government job, she decided to fulfil the vow. The district administration has issued a show cause notice to the temple committee for organising the banned ritual.

Animal sacrifice

Animal sacrifices made to appease gods is a widely held belief in Hassan Rural district, along with fire walks during religious festivities and cart festivals. Social activists hold a section of religious heads responsible for manipulating gullible people and forcing them into such practices for personal gains. Burying differently-abled children in neck-deep compost for hours during a solar eclipse, with the belief that mud treatment would cure them, was till recently prevalent in Kalaburagi district of North Karnataka.

"There are ignorant people who are exploited by some religious heads, who make them believe in black magic. There should be legal awareness among the people, especially the village leaders who force people into such superstitious beliefs," said Purushothama, a rationalist. Besides exploiting human weakness, superstitions victimise the most vulnerable and lowliest of the low; from women and children to lower caste people, who are made the means of divine deliverance.

"While one expected that modernity and advancement would wean us away from such rituals, paradoxically, they have become the means to achieving those advancements," said noted sociologist GK Karanth. The state has done its best to "abolish (sic) superstitions but sadly, it is something that cannot be abolished for there are many elected representatives who make animal offerings as sacrifice and alter their offices to gain and stay in power. The fear of 'just in case' drives superstitions," he said. "Bidtu, bidtu, bidtu, (leave it, leave it, leave it) just in case what I said was blasphemous or sinful, for I don't want any ill-luck," he concluded cynically.

(Inputs from Devaraj B Hirehalli, Prakash Samaga, BK Lakshmikantha, Firoz Rozindar, Udaya Kumar BR, Tushar Majukar)

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NSS abandons open protest against Kerala Speaker's remark

ABHILASH CHANDRAN @ Kottayam

TAKING the steam out of the raging revolt against Speaker A N Shamseer in the "myth vs science" row, the NSS has softened its stand and abandoned open protest. Instead, it will take legal recourse against the speaker.

The protest was beginning to take a communal dimension with a few fringe orgnaisations taking up the issue, and a high-level meeting of the NSS on Sunday decided not to aggravate the situation by continuing open protest, sources close to the NSS leadership said. "We don't wish to upset the communal harmony in the state. But that doesn't mean that we won't pursue it further," they said.

Moreover, the NSS apprehended that its protest was being hijacked by the Sangh Parivar that has already launched efforts to seize the "golden opportunity" to reap political gains out of the row. "As resentment brews among the faithful, we find ourselves sandwiched between Muslim fringe organisations and the Sangh Parivar. The NSS does not wish to be caught in a trap set by the BJP-RSS. We are keen to avoid it," the sources said.

The two top decision-making bodies of the NSS - the board of directors and the executive council - felt that it was better to move legally against Shamseer, they said.

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> - NSS leadership

Speaking to TNIE, NSS general secretary G Sukumaran Nair said the organisation would move the court in the matter. "The government has not responded to the speaker's controversial remarks. If the government does not take appropriate steps to de-escalate the issue, the NSS has decided to pursue legal options to protect the Hindu faith. We have entrusted our legal team to check the possibilities of filing a petition in the court," he said.

The organisation also plans to mobilise its members for active participation in Hindu festivals such as Vinayaka Chathurthi celebrations. The NSS leadership will utilise its organisational set-up to organise such celebrations at the micro level.

VARSITY VISIT

President Droupadi Murmu with Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi and Chief Minister MK Stalin during the 165th convocation of the University of Madras, in Chennai, on Sunday | PTI

CRIME PATROL

Cop ends life by consuming poison

BENGALURU: A head constable attached to Vijayanagar traffic police station ended his life by consuming alcohol laced with poison in Chandra Layout on Friday. The deceased, Naveen Kumar, was from Hassan. He was staying alone in BCC Layout. Police said Kumar had not gone to work on Friday and did not answer phone calls from his family members or colleagues. His family members asked the house owner to check on him, who then found him dead on Saturday. "Investigations revealed that his wedding was scheduled on August 24. However, it is suspected that he was not willing to marry or there was some domestic issue which drove him to take the extreme step," an official said.

Miscreants torch two-wheelers

BENGALURU: Five two-wheelers that were parked outside houses in Vasanth Nagar were torched on Sunday. The police have arrested three youths in connection with the incident. Police said the incident took place near Marikamba temple on Vasanth Nagar 8th Main Road around 4.45 am. The miscreants set fire to a bike and the fire spread to four other two-wheelers. Four vehicles were completely gutted while one was partially damaged. "Based on the CCTV footage, the accused persons were identified and one of them was arrested. Two were nabbed later. Investigations revealed that the accused, who was caught first, had a personal enmity with the owner of the bike which he set fire to," the police said.

Murder accused shot at in Anekal

BENGALURU: A 19-year-old murder accused was shot at by the Anekal police personnel after he allegedly attacked them in a bid to escape on Sunday. The accused was identified as Akash. Police said one Hemanth Kumar (24) was stabbed to death by a gang of five miscreants in Menasiganahalli on July 31. After the police nabbed one of them, he revealed that his accomplice Akash was hiding in a dilapidated building in Pragathipura near Onakanahalli. "A team led by sub-inspector Pradeep Kumar rushed to nab Akash, who attacked policeman Mani with a weapon in a bid to escape. The sub-inspector fired a warning shot in the air and as Akash didn't stop, he was shot on the leg," the police said.

Law student ends life

BENGALURU: A 23-year-old law student ended his life in Annapurneshwari Nagar on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Arya Kumar Nadda (23) of Himachal Pradesh. He was staying at a paying guest accommodation in the 'D' Group Layout near Srigandhakavalu. He was a third year LLB student at a private college in Nagarabavi. Police said Kumar ended his life by hanging himself in his room when his friends had gone out on Sunday. As per preliminary probe, he was depressed as he was suffering from severe migraine and it is suspected that it drove him to take the extreme step. "He has not left any death note and his parents have been informed about the incident," police added.

Chandrayaan-3 sends first Moon pictures

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AS Chandrayaan-3 makes its way towards the lunar surface, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) released the first-ever pictures of the Moon taken by the spacecraft.

On Sunday, the official Twitter account for Chandrayaan-3 (@chandrayaan_3) posted a series of images taken by the spacecraft, including parts of the dark side of the Moon.

The spacecraft, as part of ISRO's Chandrayaan lunar exploration programme, arrived at the Moon's orbit on Saturday and completed its first lunar orbit manoeuvre late on Sunday night. According to ISRO, the orbit reduction manoeuvre was completed successfully, bringing the spacecraft closer to the Moon's surface, at a distance of 170km x 4313km.

"The spacecraft successfully underwent a planned orbit reduction manoeuvre. The retrofiring of engines brought it closer to the Moon's surface, to 170 km x 4313 km. The next operation to further reduce the orbit is scheduled for August 9, between 1300 and 1400 Hrs. IST," the space organisation said.

Chandrayaan-3 is the third mission in the Chandrayaan programme, carrying a propulsion module, lander and rover. The spacecraft is ISRO's second attempt at performing a soft landing on the lunar surface and deploying a rover. It is also the first ever attempt by any country at a soft landing on the South Pole of the lunar surface.

Girl pushed into Godavari, clings on to pipe

S TRIMURTHULU @ Kakinada

A 13-year-old girl clung on to a plastic pipe after being pushed into the river Godavari from a bridge at Ravulapalem by her mother's paramour. She was rescued by the police at the early hours of Sunday. The mother and her one-year-old daughter were also pushed into the river and remain untraceable.

Even as she held on to the plastic pipe, the girl, who luckily had her mother's mobile phone in her pocket, took it out and dialled 100.

As per the police, the girl Lakshmi Keerthana lived with her mother Suhani (35) and one-year-old sister Jersey in Guntur. After Suhani divorced her husband, she entered into a relation with 25-year-old Ulava Suresh and Jersey was their daughter. Suresh and Suhani had been quarrelling frequently and then he decided to kill her. On the pretext of buying a new car, Suresh asked Suhani and the two kids to go with him to Rajamahendravam. They reached Ravulapalem bridge around 3.40 am. After confirming there was no one around, Suresh asked Suhani and children to deboard to take a selfie on the bridge.

"Suresh initially pushed Suhani into the river, then threw Jersey, and tried to push Keerthana. The girl tried to get away from his clutches and in the process, she slipped and fell down but was able to grab a plastic pipe installed for electric wires," the police said.

VASCULAR DISEASES RISING BY 10% EVERY YEAR: DOCTORS

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EVEN as five per cent of the Indian population is currently suffering from vascular diseases, incidence of such diseases are increasing by 10 per cent every year with a parallel rise in diabetes, Dr Ravikumar BL, chief vascular surgeon, Vascular Society of India, said.

Diabetes is directly related to cause of vascular diseases. With India being called the diabetes capital of the world, it is expected that the incidence is likely to rise rapidly in the upcoming years. The risk factors likely to cause vascular diseases include diabetes, genetic predisposition, hypertension and smoking, doctors said, with smoking being one of the more prevalent factors.

Doctors said smokers are at a 25 per cent higher risk of developing vascular diseases over non smokers.

The Foundation to Vascular Cures explained that diabetes is a condition resulting in hardening or narrowing up of arteries due to accumulation of fatty substance called plaque. People who have diabetes may also have high cholesterol. The combination of both medical conditions can cause plaque to accumulate in the arteries at a faster rate. Hence, over time high blood sugar levels can affect eyes, kidneys, heart and lower limbs.

While explaining about the effect of vascular diseases on the human body, experts said a person's legs and feet are most affected with arteries in the legs getting clogged causing inability to walk and higher risk for amputation of lower limbs. This condition is called peripheral artery disease (PAD).

In India, the severity in vascular disease cases has also resulted in amputation of limbs in two per cent of the total people suffering from it, Dr Ravikumar said. However, statistics are much higher globally with one amputation being done every six seconds.

People above the age of 60 are more prone to such diseases and must look out for symptoms like leg pain, cramps, discolouration or pain in the toes or occurrence of ulcers in the feet and seek medical help at the earliest, doctors said.

The advancement in technology has resulted in better treatment facilities for these diseases. A wide range of procedures are now available. Doctors said regular exercising and a proper diet is the easiest way to control the occurrence of these diseases.

A walkathon was also organised in 26 cities, including Bengaluru, on Sunday to create awareness with an aim to bring the national focus on promoting healthcare, awareness, and timely interventions to prevent conditions that could lead to lower limb amputations.

Revolutionary poet who fought for Telangana statehood dies at 74

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REVOLUTIONARY poet Gaddar, who played a key role in the Telangana movement spanning several decades with his folk songs, passed away on Sunday while undergoing treatment at a private hospital for heart-related ailments. He was 77.

Gaddar was one of the most prominent faces of the Naxalite movement in the country and founding member of the cultural wing of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War. He spent several years underground until the Chenna Reddy government lifted a ban on the Naxalite outfit. After severing ties with the banned outfit, Gaddar embarked on a path conjoining Marxist principles with Ambedkarite ideas in the fight for social justice.

Despite surviving an assassination attempt in 1997, Gaddar continued to be an ardent advocate of social justice, and actively engaged in social movements against the State government even as a bullet became a part of his body.

Gaddar, born as Gummadi Vittal Rao in Toopran village of erstwhile Medak district in a Dalit family, became popular through his first revolutionary album 'Gaddar'. He became radicalised during his engineering

days and took an active part in the banned Naxalite movement. He was also a founder member of CPIMLPW's cultural wing Jana Natya Mandali. In 1975, Gaddar left his bank job to join the revolutionary struggle.

Throughout the Telangana movement, Gaddar played a significant role, contributing to both its initial (1969) and final phases (2009). It is not an exaggeration to say that there were literally no gatherings without Gaddar's song. 'Podusthunna Podhu Meeda...', which was featured in 'Jai Bolo Telangana' movie became a symbol of resistance. He also appeared in the much-acclaimed movie 'Maa Bhoomi' and sang a revolutionary song 'Bandenaka Bandi Katti'.

From opposing the electoral process, Gaddar changed his mind in 2018 and took part in it by casting his vote. In 2018, it was speculated that Gaddar would join the Congress as he met the then AICC president Rahul Gandhi. However, Gaddar rejected the invitation extended by the grand old party.

EDITORIAL

It will never rain roses: when we want to have more roses, we must plant more roses

George Eliot

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

MAD IPO RUSH UNNERVING, BUT TOO MANY CURBS NOT THE SOLUTION

The capital market is a place where sentiments are a strong driving force. Those who have been in the market know that in the short term, positive (or negative) sentiments outweigh fundamentals, macro or micro. The current IPO (initial public offering) market is a case in point. IPOs are getting listed with 80–90% premium, and some of them are attracting a subscription of more than 100 times. There's little or no sense to the maddening rush to subscribe to these IPOs. And why would investors complain if they are getting around 90% returns on the listing day itself? Some call for interventions by regulators to put a leash on the IPO market, which many a time has burned big holes in investors' pockets. But excessive regulatory interventions are not only not advisable but also, at times, not enough to tame the exuberance.

This year, of the 52 IPOs (14 mainboard and 38 SME IPOs), 37 have listed with gains and the rest have listed below issue price. The ratio of those listing gains to those listing losses has been quite similar in the last three years, with the gains higher than losses. But markets can be great levellers. The roll of the dice may not always be in the investor's favour, and she could be stuck with a stock that gets listed at a heavily discounted price.

Regulators have, in the past, done their bit to curb the unnecessary exuberance in the IPO market. Two years ago, RBI put a cap on NBFCs' financing of IPOs, while Sebi last year tweaked the IPO allocation rules for high net worth individuals (HNIs). These changes, it seems, have failed to deter the mad rush for IPOs. Recently, the IPO of ideaForge listed with 95% gains. The IPO was subscribed 110 times the shares on offer. Netweb Technologies listed at 89.4% premium. The IPO was subscribed 90.55 times.

The demand for IPOs reflects the overall market sentiment. The equity markets, since April, have risen by 12–15%. The IPOs during the period rode on that euphoria. Of course, some of the companies whose IPOs got bumper listings do have good fundamentals and may not have commanded the premium they got. However, the equity market is not only about good fundamentals but also about riding a bullish trend. Sometimes, regulators should let the markets teach investors the important lessons.

SCRUTINISE FREE SPEECH CASES MORE CLOSELY

Last week, political commentator and publisher Badri Seshadri was arrested from his home in Chennai in the early hours of Saturday. The reason for the police from Perambalur district to travel nearly 300 km to make this speedy arrest was comments made by Seshadri during an interview on a YouTube channel criticising the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice of India on the Manipur issue. He was booked for promoting enmity, wanton provocation with intent to cause a riot, etc., based on the complaint of a local lawyer. Needless to say, the state's action came in for criticism from a wide section of society, especially from writers and journalists of all political leanings. Fortunately, Seshadri, unlike others arrested for exercising their right to speech in many parts of the country, was given conditional bail a few days later.

While this newspaper has previously argued that the provision of criminal contempt must go, it is important to note that in this case, the judiciary did not take up the issue, although Seshadri had used extremely harsh language. Instead, the question arises as to why the state police acted with such haste to register and make an arrest on a complaint that surely could not have been taken seriously.

Why do governments—Union or state—in India overreact with the entirety of their considerable might over what is often the most milquetoast of criticisms? In Tamil Nadu, both under the current DMK and the previous AIADMK, police have arrested people for remarks against the respective parties or chief ministers on personal social media pages or memes posted on X, formerly Twitter. Ironically, the ruling DMK has been a strong voice in decrying such authoritarian actions by the Centre and other state governments.

Assuming that these actions in Tamil Nadu are not the product of political pressures but of an overzealous police force, perhaps it is time for the state government to train law enforcement personnel and judicial officers (who often refuse bail by rote) to scrutinise complaints impinging on free expression more closely before taking up cases, making arrests and subjecting an individual to the punishment that is the process while they wait for recourse from the higher judiciary.

QUICK TAKE

CAP VACANCIES CAN HURT

The Centre informs Parliament about 1.14 lakh current vacancies in the central armed police forces. This February, the figure was 83,127. The government says recruitments happen regularly. Yet only 1,126 posts have been filled so far. That is not a happy pace at all. The problem is voluntary retirements are rising post-Covid while work stress and anxiety are causing mental issues, sometimes leading to suicides or shoot-outs. Lesser numbers can strain the forces. The vacancies must quickly fill while conditions ameliorate for existing personnel to be physically and mentally healthy, considering they mainly undertake sensitive internal security and anti-militant operations in the border areas.

The fighting in the Myanmar-India border regions has further set back Delhi's ambitious connectivity projects in Myanmar

MANIPUR-MYANMAR BINARY: BLAME JUNTA, NOT ITS VICTIMS

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Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh blames the Kuki-Chin influx from Myanmar for the ethnic conflagration in his state. According to him, these "illegal immigrants" are hand in glove with a Kuki poppy-growing drug mafia in Manipur opposing his campaign to clean the state of drugs.

Since the February 2021 military coup in Myanmar, several thousand Myanmarese have poured over India's open border into the Northeast, escaping the junta's brutal crackdown on pro-democracy activists. Mizoram has taken the brunt of this cross-border displacement. Between 30,000 to 40,000 Chin people have sought haven in the state, whose chief minister, Zoramthanga, has defied the Centre to welcome the refugees who share the same ethnicity as the Mizo people. Only a few hundred refugees crossed into Manipur in the same period. Pinning the blame for the majority Meitei vs minority Kuki conflict on "illegal immigrants" is perhaps the easiest way for the BJP-ruled, Meitei-dominated state government to shrug off responsibility for the three-month-long violence. The Manipur CM and his bosses in Delhi must lay the blame at the door of the Myanmar military if they believe "foreigners", rather than the government's failures, created the crisis.

Myanmar citizens have been crossing the border into India because their government is attacking them. Entire villages were burnt down for refusing to accept the junta's writ. The military is using aerial bombardment to bring land and people under its control. Over 3,000 civilians have been killed since the coup began. In vast swathes of the country, an armed resistance known as the People's Defence Force (PDF) is fighting the military—it has been fierce in the India-facing areas of Chin state and Sagaing region where the resistance is strong.

Recently, Biren Singh identified 718 Myanmar "infiltrators" to be deported. That is, in fact, the number of arrivals at the Moreh border in Manipur between July 22 and 24 when the Myanmar military began attacking Khampat, Kanan and other areas in Tamu, the district in Myanmar bordering Moreh.

India has a 1,643-km-long border with Myanmar, stretching across Arunachal, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. It cuts through villages and families. Acknowledging this, India and Myanmar have long allowed people to cross over and stay with family and friends in an informal arrangement.

In 2018, both signed a Free Movement Regime to regulate this de facto arrangement when the Rohingya exodus from Myanmar was at its peak. But the informal arrangement has continued to prevail over the border, becoming a lifeline for thousands in the aftermath of the Myanmar coup.

In just six years, Myanmar has managed to create a double-refugee crisis in the region—the Rohingya exodus that saw nearly seven to eight million people flee their homes in trauma and take dangerous routes to Bangladesh, and the displacement of over 40,000 Chin refugees from its western border into India. The Myanmar military is behind both, but remarkably enough, Delhi blames the refugees while it cosies up to the junta.

India believed it was important to keep the junta happy to safeguard its strategic and security interests. One goal is to restrict Chinese influence in Myanmar, and another is to ensure that the Myanmar military cooperates in protecting the security of the Northeast by denying shelter to northeastern insurgent groups.

But the junta has failed to deliver on either count. After a few standoffish months following the coup, Beijing is engaged with all sides in Myanmar to protect its interests. It is building mega projects, including highways, ports and power stations in Myanmar. It supplies arms to the regime. It engages with the ethnic armed organisations on Myanmar's northeastern border to stabilise its borders. It engages with the pro-democracy camps. And the Chinese have reportedly set up a listening station in Coco Islands, a Myanmar territory in the Bay of Bengal.

Meanwhile, the fighting in the Myanmar-India border regions has further set back Delhi's ambitious but long-delayed connectivity projects in Myanmar: the India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway and the Kaladan Multimodal transport project.

Even worse, the badly stretched Myanmar army has co-opted Northeast insurgent groups to fight the PDF. In Sagaing, the underground People's Liberation Army, which ambushed an Assam Rifles convoy in November 2021, is fighting alongside the Myanmar military.

As for drugs, a report from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) earlier this year said Myanmar's opium economy is witnessing a significant expansion. UNODC officials said that "economic, security and governance disruptions" after the February 2021 military takeover had left farmers with little choice but to return to opium. Chin State, a marginal poppy cultivator earlier, showed a notable spike. It was bound to have an impact in India's Northeast.

Still, India continues to believe that the Myanmar military is its best bet. In bilateral engagements, Delhi has stopped flagging democracy-related issues as it used to in the early days after the coup. On the sidelines of the Mekong Ganga Cooperation meeting in Bangkok earlier this month, external affairs minister S Jaishankar told the junta foreign minister U Than Swe that India's border areas "have been seriously disturbed, and any actions that aggravate the situation should be avoided".

It was a rare rebuke. But India is the third biggest supplier of arms to the junta after Russia and China (according to SIPRI), and thus contributes to the instability of its borders. Myanmar is not fighting external enemies. The military uses these supplies against its people, who cross the border as refugees. When the fighting comes close to the Indian border, it also puts Indians at risk, as was evident during the aerial bombing of the Chin militant group's headquarters earlier this year, when people in Mizoram's Champai district had to abandon their homes and flee to safer locations.

Yes, the steady influx of refugees is a problem, especially as transnational criminal networks running drugs and arms and secessionist insurgencies misuse the open border. But let us be clear about the complicity of the junta and the Chinese drug, mining and scamming mafias operating under its benevolent gaze in Myanmar's borderlands. Sealing the border may help deflect attention from the real causes of the conflict. But it will give rise to more contestations over boundaries and territories, even revive secessionist demands and long-dead insurgencies, undermine people-to-people relations and indeed, India's Act East policy. All this without solving anything in Manipur. Delhi should call out the Myanmar junta instead of picking on the regime's victims. For starters, it should stop sending Naypyidaw military supplies.

SHRAVAN MUSINGS ON THE MYSTERY OF SHIVA

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Since it's Shravan, the holiest Indian month which is dedicated to Lord Shiva, I would like to recount some intriguing points about him. Also in deference to the fact that the very first thing I was taught, at age four, was *Thodudaya sevian*, the first verse of the *Thirumurai*, the Tamil 'Shaiva Bible'. It was the first thing my father learnt and his father before him, going back generations. This is a 7th century verse by the boy-saint Jnana Sambandar.

"Tava tattvam na janami kidrishosi Maheshvara" says another ancient but also still very current hymn, the *Shiva Mahimna Stotram*. It means, "I do not know the true nature of your being, nor who you are, Great Lord." The 19th century saint Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa reportedly went into *samadhi*, a deep yogic trance, while repeating these words.

The hymn paints a vivid picture of Shiva's unfathomable mystery. It says, "O Lord, even if the black mountains were ink, the ocean the inkpot, a branch of the wish-fulfilling tree the pen, and if, taking these, the Goddess of Learning herself writes for all eternity, you cannot be completely described."

What we do 'know' though is that he is one half of God, and that he dances. His other half is Shakti, the sacred feminine.

'God' is actually a Supersoul according to Indian philosophy, which is hard for most of us to fully grasp. It does not satisfy our deep human need to love a Face. So, the beautiful gods we pray to are considered expressions of that Supersoul, the 'Paramatma'.

Shiva, Vishnu and Devi are the trinity that upholds the faith, with Ganesha and Kartikeya loved as intensely in different regions. Plus, we also pray to an array of active demi-gods. Each village in India has a guardian deity while millions have a 'kula dev' or clan deity.

In this scenario, Lord Vishnu is a grand god, who was a king in two avatars. As the Preserver, he is deeply invested in worldly attraction to keep Creation going. Devi, as his "sister energy", helps him in this task. The path of Vishnu is a big, happy party, with fine clothes, fabulous jewellery, flowers, lavish decorations and *chhappan bhog*—56 kinds of sweets in the offering.

Sri Rama's 'birthday party' is held on Ram Navami in every temple in North India at noon, the hour of his birth. It was a lovely event at my previous neighbourhood temple with rich and poor sitting in lines on the ground, eating together. All were welcome. Perhaps this peaceful, pleasant side of Indian life is not well-known, since it's the unruly and the aggressive who make the headlines. At this party, you simply left your shoes outside, washed your hands and sat down. The temple did not skimp on Rama's free birthday lunch. Each year, there were shining steel buckets of delicious pumpkin curry, vegetables in gravy, nourishing halwa and trays of hot puris.

P RAVIKUMAR

> Shiva ... has told us since Creation began that life is but a passing drama, ending in ashes. That's why we mark ourselves with *vibhuti* or ash as a reminder.

Shiva has no such feasts, only fasts. Like the religion, he has no known beginning: he "always was, always is". He does not have linear narratives like the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* but incidents, displaying a whimsical, playful persona. He is not a cute baby, a naughty boy, a ladies' man, a great king or a 'Gitacharya', a "someone for everyone" figure.

So, what explains the intense love he inspires "from Kashmir to Kanyakumari"? Is it the glamour of Parvati that lights up Shiva? Is it those two beautiful children? Is it the sturdy, faithful Nandi? No, they are part of his charm but people seem to love him just for himself, for he has that unconditional *saulabhyam* or easy accessibility despite also being the Adiyogi and Adiguru.

He is loved by all, from commoners to kings. For instance, the Chenchu tribe has important rituals with him at ancient Srisailam temple in Andhra Pradesh (even Fa Hien and Huien Tsang noted Srisailam). At the other end of the country, the Maharanas of Udaipur, first among equals in Rajputs, ruled their kingdom in Shiva's name.

Girls are known to pray for a husband like Shiva, for someone as loyal, loving and respectful. However smart and modern the girls are, they want someone as committed as Shiva is to Parvati—some values don't seem to wane in relationships. However, Shiva also constantly surprises Parvati; as Adi Shankara said, "Girishacharite vismayavati", or "Parvati is amazed by his doings."

"Har Har Mahadev!" is the battle cry of soldiers. Despite this fierce association, Shiva is considered so kind that even the demons dote on him. He is 'ashutosh' or easily pleased, and 'bhola', meaning pure-hearted. He can also be moody, adding another twist to the tale: "Kshane rushta, kshane tushta" or "Angry one moment, pleased the next."

In particular, Shiva has a tenderness for the misfits, the ailing, the lonely and the heartbroken. He seems to belong directly to the people, whoever they are.

Even as a guru, he does not need intermediaries. As they say in the North, "Kankar-kankar Shankar samaan", Shiva is found in every stone.

We say "Hari bhakti, Shiva jnana", meaning "Devotion to Vishnu and knowledge of Shiva", which includes the supreme Parashakti who energises both. Shiva, as Adiguru Dakshinamurti, has told us since Creation began that life is but a passing drama, ending in ashes. That's why we mark ourselves with *vibhuti* or ash as a reminder. The only path through it is loving kindness. How may we practice that? Our tradition tells us to defend ourselves when required but not to initiate a quarrel or a cruelty. To give of ourselves in charity and especially, practice good manners. Today that means manners at home, manners on the street, manners at work. Phone manners, lift manners, car manners. Don't be intrusive, and no noise pollution, which spreads stress.

Every act of good manners is like an offering to God. This is *dhyana* or meditation in daily life. *Dhyana*, when practiced and sustained, can lead us to *jnana*. This, perhaps, is the eternal message of Shravan and a measure of Shiva *tattva*—Shiva's truth.

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Kudos, archers

Congratulations to Jyothi, Aditi and Ojas for their extraordinary performance in archery. They have uplifted the prestige of our nation on the international platform. Their life stories are also really inspiring.
Alen Madathaniyil, email

Communal violence

Ref: *Processions bloodying communal politics* (Aug 6) was indeed thought-provoking. Religious processions and political yatras have become shows of strength for local leaders. As for religious structures, politicians see them as commercial opportunities to grab prime space. A moratorium should be imposed on processions and yatras if the government is serious about preventing communal flare-ups like the recent one in Haryana.
N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

Kerala politics

LDF minister Saji Cherian said, 'Christians have deserted Congress for good...' One wonders who gave him the authority to speak on behalf of all Christians! Amidst all the skeletons tumbling out of LDF's cupboards day after day, Cherian has some nerve to say this. If Congress puts an end to its infighting and groupism, there is every chance that people will vote for the Congress-led UDF.
Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Better Bharat

The SC staying the conviction of Rahul Gandhi in the defamation case is hailed by all. Now the government should not delay the reinstatement of Rahul as MP. This is a turning point in Indian politics, towards a 'Better Bharat'.
Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao, Visakhapatnam

Ending discrimination

Ref: *Widow, son stopped from entering temple; officials told to take action* (Aug 5). The Madras HC's commendable judgment reinforces the identity of women. Protecting widows is our duty, but the need for laws to enforce it is disheartening. Let's create a society where protection and respect are inherent, safeguarding the rights of all. Together, we'll build a progressive and compassionate nation.
Dr V Parameswari, Tiruchy

Tax woes

Ref: *The taxing life of solopreneurs* (Aug 6). All the senior people in the government should read this column. The taxpayer is burdened not only by a high income tax but also GST on basic necessities. The Central government should at least consider bringing down the tax rate on the highest income slab below 20%.
V V Venkatachalam, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Derek O'Brien @derekobrienmp
The Parliament is not just new buildings, but also old traditions on which the foundation of our democracy rests

Jayant Singh @jayantrld
My private bill on the issue of reducing age of candidacy is being taken up for consideration in the Rajya Sabha

Mayawati @Mayawati
In UP Assembly session starting tomorrow, govt should show responsibility regarding issues like inflation, poverty, unemployment, peace and security

Not many takers for eSanjeevani scheme, says study

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

ONLY nine per cent population in rural India has availed the Centre's flagship eSanjeevani telemedicine programme that provides patient-to-doctor consultations, a nationwide survey by an independent think tanks has revealed.

The survey findings showed that the digital health divide in the country continues to be a major area of concern.

Ninety-one per cent of respondents expressed that they have never availed of telemedicine services for their household members, said the survey conducted by the Development Intelligence Unit (DIU), a collaborative venture between Transform Rural India (TRI) and Sambodhi Research and Communications.

The survey, which covered 6,478 people in 20 states, found that the reach and availability of telemedicine services are more in the South than in other parts of the country.

"Despite great efforts by the government for promoting teleconsultation services through eSanjeevani, only 9% of the respondents have utilised telemedicine services. Also, usage of telemedicine services is higher in the southern part," said the survey, which sheds light on critical and contemporary aspects of the nation's rural health system.

The Centre launched the programme in November 2019 with the aim to deliver healthcare services in rural areas and remote communities leveraging the power of technology.

Till July, the official data of e-sanjeevani dashboard is 139 million consultations.

It found that the North region has the highest percentage of facilities without telemedicine services at 83 per cent, followed by the eastern region at 81 per cent, central India at 75 per cent, the northeast at 71 per cent, the western at 70 per cent, and the South at 46 per cent.

"In the southern region, 25 per cent of the nearby facilities offer telemedicine services, while 29 per cent of the population is unaware of any telemedicine facility available," the survey found.

Doval bats for diplomacy to resolve Ukraine crisis

Peace talks at Jeddah were attended by top officials from 40 nations

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE peace talks on Ukraine, which was attended by National Security Advisor (NSA)-level officials from over 40 countries in Jeddah, is possibly going to continue in a third-level of talks. China is in favour of third-level talks.

Russia was excluded from the discussion, which was attended by India's NSA Ajit Doval who batted for dialogue and diplomacy.

"Dialogue and diplomacy is the way forward for a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict. There is need to uphold territorial integrity and sovereignty without exception by all states," Doval is reported to have stated in his speech.

The two-day meeting, hosted by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, was attended US NSA Jake Sullivan and China's Special Envoy for Eurasian Affairs Li Hui.

Doval while referring to the impact of the conflict said, the whole world, especially the Global South is bearing the brunt of the situation.

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Ukranian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy put forward the 10-point "peace plan" for ending the conflict that included punishing those responsible for war crimes, withdrawing all Russian troops from Ukraine, and restoring his country's territorial integrity. Under the plan, he called for ensuring energy security, food security and nuclear safety.

Meanwhile, China is reported to be in support for a third round of talks to find a framework for peace in Ukraine. The two-day meeting in Jeddah was the second of its kind, as a similar forum was held in Copenhagen in June.

China didn't attend the talks in Copenhagen – even though it was invited. Saudi Arabia has touted its ties to both sides in the war and positioned itself as a possible mediator.

While Saudi Arabia maintains good relations with China and Moscow on oil policy, there have been tension recently after Russia did not adhere to agreed reduction in production. In May, Saudi Arabia hosted Zelenskiy at an Arab summit, also in Jeddah, where he accused some leaders of turning "a blind eye" to the horrors of Russia's invasion.

POWER GAMES

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Tale of Two Notifications

COMMERCE MINISTRY TIED IN KNOTS IN A LAPTOP WAR

The Union Ministry of Commerce issued a notification on August 3, 2023, imposing 'with immediate effect' a licensing requirement to import laptops, tablets and personal computers. However, a day later, on August 4, 2023, the ministry issued another notification saying, "Notification No. 23/2023 dated 03.08.2023 shall be effective from November 1, 2023..." The ministry explained the second notification saying through it, "liberal transitional arrangements are provided for import of laptops, tablets, all-in-one personal computers, ultra-small form factor computers and servers falling under HSN 8471 till 31.10.2023." Sources in Vanijya Bhawan, however, gave another reason for the ministry beating a hasty retreat. They said the Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance group last week launched the much-anticipated feature-packed JioBook laptop at a highly competitive price of Rs 16,499. Two days before the sale of JioBook was to start, the commerce ministry issued the notification imposing the licensing requirement for all importers of laptops. This would have helped Reliance. But its competition includes global giants, namely Apple, Dell, HP, Samsung, etc. The commerce ministry notification would hit these companies hard as a large number of their laptops sold in India are imported from China. Sources said these companies expressed unhappiness with the notification, which led to the second notification postponing the implementation of the licensing condition. According to sources, at the forefront of opposing the licensing requirement is Apple, a company that has a market valuation equal to the total GDP of India.

INDIA Huddle

MAMATA, STALIN, SOREN, VIJAYAN VIE TO PLAY HOST

The opposition alliance, INDIA, has decided to have its next meeting in Mumbai. The decision for the Mumbai meeting followed a request from Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and Nationalist Congress Party president Sharad Pawar. The Maharashtra duo argued that after the first meeting in the east - at Patna - and the second in the south - at Bengaluru -- the third meeting should occur in the west – at Mumbai. It is likely to take place next month. A tussle is now on in the opposition camp for the next venue. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin is keen on hosting INDIA in his state. But he has encountered serious competition from other opposition chief ministers, namely Mamata Banerjee, Pinarayi Vijayan and Hemant Soren. The DMK chief has asked the opposition bigwigs to meet in Chennai or any other location in Tamil Nadu for the next strategy-planning session. Stalin kept up the opposition unity momentum by hosting a social justice conference in Delhi and opening a DMK office in New Delhi. Stalin's lieutenants are reportedly in touch with other opposition leaders for a meeting in Tamil Nadu. Meanwhile, another fellow competitor from the south, the Kerala chief minister, is also looking for an opportunity to galvanise the Left by hosting a meeting in the state. Sources in the Congress, however, said that the meeting should ideally be held in a northern state after Maharashtra. The Congress has already offered Shimla as a venue. The Aam Aadmi Party is keen on playing host in Delhi or Chandigarh. The opposition bandwagon is clearly on a roll.

Border forces to guard strategic Siliguri Corridor in peacetime

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a strategic move, the border guarding forces are set to play a pivotal role in fortifying the security of the critically important Siliguri Corridor, known as the Chicken's Neck, during peacetime.

The initiative is part of comprehensive strategy to bolster defence and safeguard the Siliguri Corridor, which has been divided into Vulnerable Areas and Vulnerable Points. During peacetime, personnel from the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will be deployed across designated areas.

The Border Security Force (BSF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which fall under the administrative and operational jurisdiction of the MHA, will assume responsibility at these specified VAVPs, sources said. These forces have historically managed borders with neighboring countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and China.

While some actions have already been taken, additional measures are anticipated for the future, sources indicated.

The Siliguri Corridor, a narrow stretch adjoining Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, measuring about 170x60km, and at its narrowest, around 20-22km, holds tremendous geopolitical importance. Functioning as a crucial link connecting the northeast of India with the rest of the country, it accommodates major national highways, railway lines, pipelines, optical fiber connectivity, and more.

Its significance is amplified due to its proximity to China's Chumbi Valley in the Tibet Autonomous Region. The urgency to bolster defences in this region was catalyzed by the 2017 Doklam standoff, during which the Chinese PLA attempted to construct a road closer to the sensitive Siliguri Corridor.

The impetus for reinforcing security has also been spurred by heightened deployments along the LAC since May 2022.

VITAL LINK ON CHINA BORDER

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USFDA pulls up Gujarat's Intas pharma for poor manufacturing practices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has pulled up Gujarat-based Intas Pharmaceuticals for manufacturing lapses, including failure of its quality control unit to ensure compliance with good manufacturing practices.

In a warning letter, dated July 28, the US health regulator pointed out various manufacturing lapses at its Sanand-based manufacturing plant in Ahmedabad.

"This warning letter summarises significant violations of good manufacturing practice (CGMP) regulations for finished pharmaceuticals," the USFDA said.

"Because your methods, facilities, or controls for manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding do not conform to CGMP, your drug products are adulterated..," it said.

The USFDA inspected the manufacturing facility from November 22 to December 2 last year. The USFDA has now sought a detailed investigation protocol and methodology; a summary of all laboratories, manufacturing operations, and systems to be covered by the assessment among other things.

A warning letter is issued when the USFDA finds that a manufacturer has significantly violated its regulations.

It said that the company "failed to exercise its responsibility to ensure drug products manufactured are in compliance with CGMP, and meet established specifications for identity, strength, quality, and purity."

"You failed to ensure reliability of data relating to quality of medicines produced at your facility. Our inspection revealed serious deviations, including but not limited to, inadequate oversight of original CGMP documents, deficient controls over computerised systems, insufficient laboratory investigations, and aborted chromatographic sequences," it said.

About 700 ASI antiquities lent to London museum a century ago yet to return

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

ABOUT 700 pieces belonging to the Aural Stein Collection of Central Asian antiquities owned by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) were lent to Victoria and Albert Museum in London about 100 years ago.

The artefacts are still lying with the borrower in the United Kingdom and the Survey has not made single efforts to get hold of the noted assortment dating between 200 BC and 1200 AD despite the issue was flagged by the CAG in its two previous audit reports in 2013 and 2022. Non-action of the ASI has apparently upset the Committee of parliamentarians.

Taking note of the position of the national watchdog of national monuments, the 31-member parliamentary standing committee on transport, tourism and culture has recently asked the ASI to establish contact with the London museum and set off the process of repatriating the collection.

Stein--a British-Hungarian archaeologist–collected a large number of artefacts– Chinese, Tibetan and Tangut manuscripts, paintings, Buddhist sculptures, textile fragments, and ceramic objects during his archaeological expeditions to Central Asia at the beginning of the 20th century.

Head of a Bodhisattva, and a relief fragment with the London museum

A part of Stein collection consisting of nearly 600 textile fragments and over 70 ceramic and Buddhist objects was loaned to the museum by the Indian Government through ASI between 1923 and 1933.

The Committee in its recent report titled "Heritage Theft – the illegal trade in Indian antiquities and the challenges of retrieving and safeguarding our tangible cultural heritage— has also expressed dissatisfaction over the response of the Culture ministry.

Madan Das Devi's vision was for a self-reliant India

NARENDRA MODI
PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

WHEN we lost Madan Das Devi Ji a few days ago, lakhs of karyakartas, including myself, were saddened beyond words. It's a challenging reality to grapple with the idea that a personality as impactful as him is no longer among us. Yet, the knowledge that his influence will live on consoles us. His teachings and principles will be a beacon of inspiration and guidance in the journey ahead.

I had the privilege of working closely with Madan Das Ji over the years. I saw his simplicity and soft-spoken nature from close quarters. He was the quintessential organisational man, and I, too, spent a substantial time working in the organisation. So, it is natural that aspects relating to organisational development and growth of karyakartas featured regularly in our conversations. During one such conversation, I asked him where he hailed from. He told me he is from a village near Solapur, Maharashtra, though his ancestors were from Gujarat. But he was not aware of the exact place they were from. I told him I had a teacher with the surname Devi who belonged to Visnagar. Later on, he even visited Visnagar and Vadnagar. Our conversations also took place in Gujarati.

Among the many specialities of Madan Das Ji was his ability to go beyond words and understand the emotions behind those words. He could summarise hours-long discussions in just a few sentences.

His life journey illustrates the wonders one can achieve when the self is on the back burner and the collective gets prominence. A Chartered Accountant by training, he could have led a comfortable life, but his calling lay elsewhere, in shaping minds and working towards India's development.

Madan Das Ji had unwavering faith in the youth of India. He could connect with youngsters across the length and breadth of the country. No wonder he immersed himself in strengthening the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. One of his key influences in this journey was Yashwantrao Kelkar Ji. He deeply inspired him and would often talk about him. Madan Das Ji always emphasised involving more girl students in the working of the ABVP and empowering them with a platform to contribute to social welfare. He often said that when girl students are involved in any collective effort, that effort will always be more sensitive. For Madan Das Ji, affection for students was above everything else. He would always be among students, but, like a lotus in the water he would never involve himself in university politics.

I can think of several leaders who owe their rise in public life to the mentoring from Madan Das Ji during their younger days. But it was never in his nature to make tall claims about it.

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Nowadays, the concepts of people management, talent management, and skill management are extremely popular. Madan Das Ji was an expert at understanding people and mapping their talents onto organisational goals. He was special because he understood people's capabilities and assigned work based on that. He never sought to mould people as per his requirements. That is why Madan Das Ji was the obvious sounding board if any young karyakarta had a new idea. That is also why many people who worked with him were self-motivated to leave a mark based on their own strengths. Therefore, organisations grew massively under his leadership and remained cohesive and effective even as they became bigger in scale and scope.

Madan Das Ji had a packed travel schedule. Beyond his duties, he was selective when meeting people and was always well-prepared. But his programmes were always simple, never a burden on any karyakarta. This trait remained integral to him until the very end. He braved long illnesses, but when I would ask him about it, he would talk about it only after multiple enquiries. He would remain happy despite the physical pain. Even in illness, he continuously thought about what he could do for the country and society.

Madan Das Ji had a brilliant academic record, and this also shaped his meticulous way of working. A voracious reader, whenever he read something good, he would send it to the concerned person working in that domain. I have been fortunate to often receive such things. He had a sound understanding of economics and policy matters. He envisioned an India where no person depended on others, and each could stand on their own feet, empowered by opportunities for self-improvement and growth. Madan Das Ji envisioned an India where self-reliance was not just a goal but a lived reality for every citizen, with a society rooted in mutual respect, empowerment, and shared prosperity. As India becomes increasingly self-reliant in various domains, nobody would be happier than him.

Today, when our democracy is vibrant, youth is confident, society is forward-looking, and the nation is brimming with hope and optimism, it is important to remember people like Madan Das Devi Ji, who dedicated their entire lives to service and putting the nation on such an upward trajectory.

RLY STATIONREVAMP

Fifteen stations of Central Railway's Solapur division, including the one at Latur, will be redeveloped as part of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme that was launched by PM Narendra Modi on Sunday, an official said.

02 DIE WHILE CLEANING OLD WELL IN HARYANA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Cracks wide open in Gujarat BJP

Even after bagging 156 seats in 182-member House, the party faces infighting across state

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE resignation of Gujarat BJP general secretary **Pradeep Sinh Vaghela** on Saturday sheds light on long-running battles within the party across the state. Sources said Vaghela's resignation is only the beginning; several more prominent Gujarat BJP politicians may resign in the coming days.

There are at least five events in the previous month which show how Gujarat BJP leaders appear to be at each other's throat, damaging the image of the party that won 156 seats in the 182-member Gujarat Assembly:

The Vaghela episode

Hours after his resignation, Pradip Sinh Vaghela told the media. "I have resigned since the party requested it. I am unsure of the cause of the it. "Whatever I am today is because of the party. I have done nothing wrong to be embarrassed," he said. BJP general secretary Rajni Patel said "Vaghela has voluntarily r signed due to personal reasons."

Sources, however, said the development came after party leaders in Delhi asked state leaders to get Vaghela's resignation after his role in an alleged scam appeared in pamphlets that were distributed among senior party leaders.

In the last four months, out of four general secretaries, Pradip Sinh is the second BJP general secretary who has exited. In April, state unit president **CR Patil** relieved Bhargav Bhatt of his duties as general secretary for the Central Zone.

Pamphlet display

Pamphlets accusing BJP state chief CR Paatil of corruption and irregularities in the management of party funds were circulated a few days ago. Surat Choryasi, BJP MLA, filed a police complaint. On August 2, Surat Crime Branch arrested three city district BJP party workers, Rakeshsinh Sokanki, Devendrasinh Chauhan, and Hardeepsinh Atodaria. One more person was also arrested. The Surat district BJP later suspended them. These workers are said to have worked with a former minister who was a member of former chief minister Vijay Rupani's cabinet.

Baroda 'conspiracy'

On July 24, BJP corporator Alpesh Limbachiya of the civic council in Vadodara city was arrested for reportedly mailing an anonymous letter, accusing the city mayor of corruption to local party leaders. The police arrested the corporator's brother-in-law and another individual a few days ago. Following the arrest of his brother-in-law, Limbachiya, who was the ruling BJP's leader in the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC), quit his post.

Saurashtra simmers

The feuding between two Saurashtra BJP leaders has famed more factionalism. The frosty relationship between MP Mohan Kundaria and MLA Jitu Somani was exposed in July when the two publicly mocked each other. Somani is the current MLA from Wankaner.

Last month, Somani told the regional media that MPs had worked against him. "I filed a complaint against the party MP," he said.

Caste slur and more

Another case of BJP infighting surfaced from Chotila town in Surendranagar district. During an election in 2018, a local BJP leader, Jivanbhai Makwana, went to the Gujarat High Court demanding quashing of an FIR filed by a party leader against him in a case involving the SC/ST Act.

On July 20, the court quashed the FIR against Makwana, saying that because Makwana was chosen by the party to contest the election, the complainant harboured a grudge and submitted the complaint two days after the alleged incident.

Fall out in Saurashtra

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Delhi services bill in Rajya Sabha today

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

RAJYA Sabha is expected to see a stormy session on Monday with Union home minister Amit Shah set to move the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023. The bill has already been passed by the Lok Sabha amid an Opposition walkout.

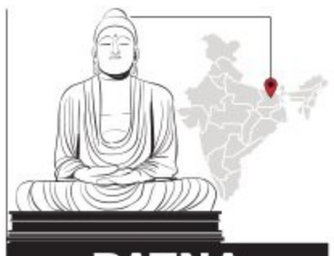
It is expected that the Treasury bench in the upper house will leave no stone unturned to have the bill passed, even by a voice vote. "The walkout by the I.N.D.I.A bloc cannot be ruled out but we will get the bill passed even by a voice vote. The bill is in the larger framework of the Constitution," remarked a senior BJP Rajya Sabha MP, adding that the Opposition has reduced themselves only to opposing the bill by creating pandemonium.

Meanwhile, the Congress and AAP have issued whips to its Rajya Sabha MPs asking them to be present in the Upper House till its adjournment on Monday. Though the numbers are stacked in favour of the NDA, the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) parties have vowed to make all possible efforts to thwart the government's move to pass the bill, which gives the Centre control over the transfer and posting of bureaucrats in Delhi.

EXPRESS READ

Suspension of Jaipur mayor on charges of graft sparks uproar

Jaipur: The suspension of the Mayor of Jaipur Municipal Corporation (Heritage) by the Gehlot government has sparked an uproar in the ruling Congress just four months before the Rajasthan elections. Munesh Gurjar was suspended late on Saturday night after her husband was arrested by ACB while allegedly taking a bribe of ₹2 lakhs from some touts. A number of government files were also recovered from the house of the Mayor and there are chances that she too could soon be arrested. The Mayor's husband however, claims that they have been trapped in a conspiracy hatched by a minister in the Gehlot government and the issue has triggered a major controversy for the Congress. The Rajasthan government's decision to suspend Gurjar has shocked many as she belongs to the ruling Congress party. It is notable that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Mayor's husband Sushil Gurjar and his two touts red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹2 lakh for issuing a lease.



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Cong leaders push Rahul as Opposition's PM pick

The speculation over Rahul Gandhi being chosen as the Opposition's prime ministerial candidate has risen ever since RJD chief Lalu Prasad advised Congress scion to get married. On Sunday, Bihar Congress headquarters Sadaqat Ashram saw a large number of women party leaders demanding Rahul to be declared the Opposition's prime ministerial candidate ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha elections. They contended Rahul has all qualities to become a PM. At the first Opposition meeting held in Patna on June 23, Lalu has suggested Rahul to get married and that he would be happy to be a 'barati'.

Rhino Task Force at VTR, West Champaran soon

Bihar is set to constitute a 'Rhino Task Force' for suggesting measures to reintroduce terrestrial mammals in Valmikinagar Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran district. At present there is only one Rhino in VTR and 14 Rhinos in Patna zoo. Additional principal chief conservator of forest and chief wildlife warden P K Gupta said that number of Rhinos will substantially increase in VTR in the days to come. VTR has selected one of potential sites under National Rhino Conservation strategy where Rhinos may be brought from other reserves in the country.

Celebration time for 3.5L contractual teachers

Government school teachers appointed on contract are overjoyed after Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar's assured them of a government employees' status. A decision to concede long pending demand of over 3.5 lakh teachers working in primary, middle and higher secondary schools was taken at a meeting with leaders of grand alliance partners and teachers' bodies chaired by Nitish. Leaders of grand alliance said that Nitish listened to demands of teachers patiently and asked officials to bring about certain changes in the rules to concede to demands of teachers appointed since 2006 through Panchayati Raj Institutions.

2 minors beaten, forced to drink urine in UP over suspicion of theft

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a show of inhuman behaviour leading to a widespread outrage, a poultry shop owner harassed two minor boys who were allegedly thrashed, made to drink urine and chilli powder was put in their private parts on suspicion of theft in Siddharthnagar district of eastern UP.

As per police sources, six persons were arrested in connection with the incident while raids were going on to nab two others named in the FIR. The case was registered against eight named accused under Sections 307 (attempt to murder), 377 (unnatural sex), 34 (common intention), 147 (rioting), 342 (wrongful confinement), 270 (malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life) of IPC besides POCSO charges.

Meanwhile, the two minors, aged 10 and 14 years, were shifted to district hospital from the CHC after their condition did not improve. The doctors said that the two had injuries on private parts and urine tract infection.

Host of leaders from Azad's DPAP and AAP set to join Congress today

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN a shot in the arm for Congress, many prominent leaders from AAP and **Ghulam Nabi Azad**'s Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) are set to join the party in New Delhi on Monday.

Sources said Jammu-based leaders Taranjit Singh Tony (DDC member), Yashpal Kundal (former Minister), Namrta Sharma and many others, who have quit the AAP, will be formally joining the Congress in New Delhi on Monday.

They said many former Congress leaders, who had joined DPAP of Ghulam Nabi Azad, would also be joining the Congress. Among those to join Congress, include Naresh Gupta (Ex-MLC), Haji Rashid (Ex MLA) and Sham Lal Bhagat (ex-MLC). According to sources, these leaders, alongwith their supporters would join Congress tomorrow at the party headquarters in New Delhi in presence of AICC president Mallikaarjun Kharge.

Senior J&K Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Monga, while confirming the joinings termed it a positive development.

"It is encouraging for the Congress as people who wish to join the party feel it is the only secular one which can safeguard all sections of society and usher in an era of development in the country," he said.

Monga also credited Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra for boosting the Congress party and giving a new lease of energy to the party.

Pertinent to mention here that Congress leaders, including former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand, Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed, Balwan Singh and others, who had quit the grand old party and joined DPAP, have since then joined back the Congress.

Fresh bonhomie: Shah says Ajit Pawar is at 'the right place after long time'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SHARING the dais with Ajit Pawar at an event in Pune on Sunday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the the Maharashtra deputy chief minister is now at the "right place after a long time", but "came very late". Ajit Pawar also praised the Shah, saying the Union minister is keen on development of Maharashtra.

Shah's statement comes more than a month after Ajit Pawar, the nephew of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) founder Sharad Pawar, joined the ruling Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government led by Eknath Shinde along with some party MLAs on July 2. Pawar was made deputy chief minister, while the other eight MLAs, including Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse Patil, were sworn in as ministers.

"This is my first public programme with Ajit Pawar. I want to tell him that he is now sitting at the right place after a long time. This was always the right place for you, but you came to sit here very late," Shah said.

Shah, who is also the cooperation minister, was speaking after launching the digital portal of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) office. CM Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis were also present at the event.

Shahs said Maharashtra is the base of the cooperative sector as nearly half the country's cooperative societies are based in Maharashtra.

"The Cooperative model of Maharashtra is taking the cooperative movement forward in the country. The cooperative movement has progressed and flourished only in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka, which is, the parts of the earlier Mumbai state.

The complete digitization of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) office has been carried out," he said.

The Union minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target of making 5 trillion dollar economy and making India the third largest economy in the world.

"We should set a target for the contribution of the cooperative sector in achieving this goal. Under the vision of "Sahkar se Samridhi" of Modi, the Ministry of Cooperation has made a new beginning on Sunday by launching this digital portal," he added.

Amit Shah said that 1555 multi-state cooperative societies of the country will be benefited by the portal launched today and 42% of these 1555 societies are in Maharashtra only, this shows the strength of cooperative movement in Maharashtra.

Rains continue to wreak havoc in U'khand, 3 more killed in cloudburst

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

NDRF and SDRF personnel conduct search operation in Rudraprayag on Sunday | PTI

THREE more people were killed in cloudburst-related incidents in the early hours of Sunday in Uttarakhand as the search for 30 people missing in the Gaurikund landslide continued, officials said. The police, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and PWD personnel along with locals are working to clear the debris around the landslide area and a search is on for the missing persons.

"Apart from four unauthorised concrete structures and over 20 temporary structures between Sonprayag and Gaurikund have been demolished till Sunday," said Ukhimath Sub-Divisional Magistrate Jitendra Verma. After the accident, a large number of people have demolished these illegal constructions themselves.

"On the other hand, rescue teams are continuously conducting search operations to find the missing," SDM Jitendra Verma told this daily.

Tehri Garhwal District Disaster Management Officer Brijesh Bhatt said a house was damaged due to debris at Maroda bridge, Sakalana Patti, in a cloudburst on Saturday night. The SDRF team reached the spot and launched a rescue operation and pulled out two children trapped in the debris.

"Both children were immediately rushed to a primary health centre, where doctors declared them brought dead," said Bhatt.

SDRF divers recovered the body of a teenager Vardhan, a resident of Dakpathar area of Dehradun, who died after being swept away by strong currents of a river on the banks of Shakti canal near Dak Pathar.

A red alert has been sounded in view of the water level of the Sharda in Tanakpur Banbasa of Kumaon division. Vehicular movement on the barrage has been stopped for security reasons. The alert was issued after the alarming rise in the Sharda water level in Banbasa.

Law change may hit Punjab power subsidy scheme

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

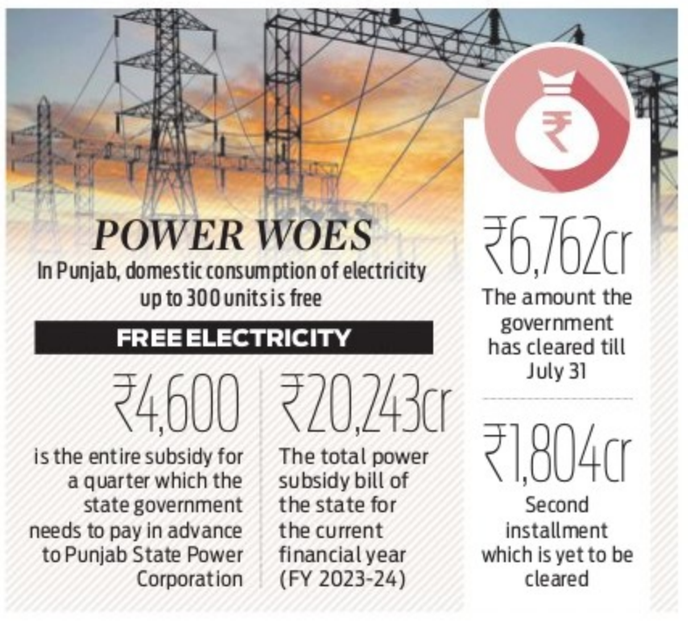
AFTER the amendments to the Electricity Rules, 2005, which aims at ensuring financial sustainability in the power sector, the Punjab government will now have to pay the entire subsidy of ₹4,600 crore for a quarter in advance to Punjab State Power Corporation (PSPCL). Else, the subsidised category of consumers will have to pay the entire tariff.

In Punjab, domestic consumption of elections up to 300 units is free, while farmers are completely exempted from electricity charges.

The total power subsidy bill of the state for this financial year is ₹20,243 crore. Thus further aggravates the fiscal woes of the cash strapped state government.

Sources said with the electricity (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023 getting notified, the inability of the state government to pay the subsidy in advance will now force the Electricity Regulatory Commission to issue order for the implementation of the tariff without subsidy. The government has cleared its power subsidy bill of ₹6,762 crore till July 31. The second installment of ₹1,804 crore is yet to be paid.

The other major problem is the pending electricity bills of the government departments , especially the local government department, amounting ₹3,000 crore to Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL).


POWER WOES
In Punjab, domestic consumption of electricity up to 300 units is free
FREE ELECTRICITY
₹4,600
is the entire subsidy for a quarter which the state government needs to pay in advance to Punjab State Power Corporation
₹20,243cr
The total power subsidy bill of the state for the current financial year (FY 2023-24)
₹6,762cr
The amount the government has cleared till July 31
₹1,804cr
Second installment which is yet to be cleared

One of the key provisions under the amended rules is related to the accounting and payment of subsidies. According to the new rule 15, the distribution licensee will now be responsible for accounting the subsidies payable under section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

To ensure transparency, the state commission will issue a quarterly report for each distribution licensee within 30 days from the end date of the respective quarter. The report will include details on demands for subsidy raised, actual payment of subsidy, and any gap in subsidy due and paid.

Any discrepancies found in subsidy accounting may lead to appropriate actions against concerned officers of the licensee, in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Additionally, the amended rules introduce a new framework for financial sustainability.

The Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss reduction trajectory for tariff determination will now be approved by the state commission in accordance with the trajectory agreed upon by the respective states and approved by the Centre. The trajectory for collection and billing efficiency for distribution licensees will also be determined based on the approved AT&C loss reduction trajectory. The revised rules also allow the inclusion of prudent costs of power procurement and asset creation by distribution licensees.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 22.08.2023 from 11.00 AM to 03.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	A) SARFAESI Details Possession B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Branch : Bangalore Begur (Electronic City) 606200 **Mob No. 9962022231** Shri. Krishna C **A/C No. 606200NC00001002**	Residential Flat No. 303, Third Floor 'SRI VANI SYMPHONY' measuring 1275 sq.ft of super built up area, UDS area 269 sq ft situated at Thirupalyas Village, JiganiHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore-560099 **Landmark- Next to G T Homes, Thirupalya Road**	A) 13(2) 19.05.2021 13(4) 15.06.2023 Physical **B) Rs. 47,54,019.21 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 34,20,000/- B) Rs. 3,42,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
2	Branch : Bangalore Begur (Electronic City) 606200 **Mob No. 9962022231** Ms. A Jyothi Mary **A/C No. 606200NC00001136**	Residential Flat No. 103, First Floor 'SRI VANI SYMPHONY' measuring 1275 sq.ft of super built up area, UDS area 269 sq ft situated at Thirupalyas Village, JigniHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore -560099 Landmark- Next to G T Homes, Thirupalya Road.	A) 13(2) 19.05.2021 13(4) 15.06.2023 Physical **B) Rs. 47,58,258.96 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 34,20,000/- B) Rs. 3,42,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
3	Branch : Rajajinagar (408000), Bangalore **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Sandesh H **A/C No. 408000NC00005332 & 4080009900000415, 408000NG00005303**	RCC roofed Independent House with built up area of 787.75 sqft bearing municipal no. 109, situated at Mallathahalli Bangalore Formally Site No. 109, Khata No. 129 at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Now comes under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP PIDNO: 129-129-109, measuring East to West 47+54/2 feet and North to South 12.5 +37/2 feet, totally measuring 1003 Sq. ft. Bounded on : **East By:** Road, **West By:** 3 feet passage and Chandrashekar and M.H. Manjunath's, **North By :** Maranna's property **South By :** Road Landmark: Amebedkar College Junction	A) 13(2) 14.07.2016 13(4) 26.12.2016 Physical **B) Rs. 56,83,884.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 49,00,000/- B) Rs. 4,90,000/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**
4	Branch : Peenya Branch (125100) **Mob No. 9962022231** M/s S & S Infra Management **A/C No. 1251008700003243 & 125100SG00000249**	Site No. 24, Property No. 19/1, 548/1, 1/19/1/A, Khata No.-487, Arakere Village, Begur Hobli , Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West : (40.5+40)/2 ft and North to South: 30 ft, total 1207.50 sq ft , in the name of Mr. T Byataraya ,and Bounded as: **East by:** Remaining Part of the Same Property (Site No. 1), **West by:** 25'0" Road, **North by:** Remaining Part of the Same Property (Site No. 23) , **South by:** Remaining Part of the Same Property (Site No. 24).	A) 13(2) 25.04.2018 13(4) 15.11.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs 2,49,89,680.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.1,11,00,000/- B) Rs. 11,10,000/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-**
5	Branch : HRBR Layout (156210) **Mob No. 9962022231** M/s Medcube Healthcare **A/C No. 156210IL00000019, 15624011000150, 15627011000267**	Site bearing No.371, Khata No. Form-9-1009-575-371, Form No.11-945/575/371 formed in survey No 137/1 in the layout known as "Aditya Grand" situated at Kolathur village, kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore District layout duly approved by Hoskote Planning Authority vide order No. HPA/LAO/05/2013-13, DATED 30.07.2012, MEASURING East to West:40 feet and North to South : Eastern side 35.9 feet & western side 36.5 feet, totally measuring 1441 square Feet, bounded on the **East by:** 9 meters wide Road, **west by:** Site No. 380, **North by:** site No 372 and **south by:** 9 meters wide Road.	A) 13(2) 09.05.2022 13(4) 19.07.2022 Symbolic **B) Rs 1,07,88,755.45 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 32,50,000/- B) Rs. 3,25,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
6	Branch : BANGALORE, ANAND NAGAR (156700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Prasanth Leo Francis **A/C No. 156700NC00005793**	Residential flat bearing No 303 and 304 having superbuilt up area of 2250 sqft in 3rd floor NEHA LEGEND APARTMENT plot no 200/1 BBMP Khata No 1002/1199/1093/882/200/1 Sy No 138/3 ,3rd Main , 5th Cross, sarvabhoumanagar, sunder ram shetty Nagar, Bilkehalli Village Begur Hobli Bangalore-560076 Presently comes under BBMP limits measuring East To west 120 feet and north To south 80 feet totally measuring 9600 sqft , in the name of Mr. Prashanth Leo Francis & Mrs. Pushpa Kumar and bounded on the **east by:** 30 feet road **west by :** private property **north by :** 30 feet road **south by :** 30 feet road and undivided share of area measuring 506 sqft. Latitude: 12.890486 , Longitude : 77.602880	A) 13(2) 02.07.2018 13(4) 11.10.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 1,64,04,807.80 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 1,25,49,000/- B) Rs. 12,54,900/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-**
7	Branch : EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR(754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** K SOMA SHEKAR REDDY **A/C No. 754700NC00001270**	Residential flat no 407, "Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1300 sqft of super built area together with 286 Sqft of undivided share and interest in property bearing Old Sy No 30/23, New Sy No 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District ,Bangalore and bounded on the **East By:** Land Belongs to Munisidhappa, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Land belongs to Muniyappa and **South By:** Remaining land in the same survey number. Landmark: next to GT Homes ,Tirupalya Road. Latitude: 12.81909 , Longitude : 77.66547	A) 13(2) 06.01.2018 13(4) 16.04.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 49,39,203.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 31,75,000/- B) Rs. 3,17,500/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
8	Branch : Bangalore,Begur (electn.city) (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** SAGAR P S **A/C No. 606200NC00001011**	Residential flat bearing No.G-03, Ground Floor in the " Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1275 sq ft of super built up area together with 269 sq ft of undivided share and interest in property bearing old Survey No. 30/23, new Survey No. 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore and bounded on the **East by:** Land belongs to Munisidhappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Land belongs to Muniyappa and **South by:** remaining land in the same survey number. Latitude: 12.8188584 , Longitude: 77.6642761	A) 13(2) 16.11.2019 13(4) 07.03.2020 Physical **B) Rs. 47,08,662.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 31,32,000/- B) Rs. 3,13,200/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
9	Branch : Bangalore,Begur (electn.city) (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** MURUGA K **A/C No. 606200NC00001145**	Residential flat bearing No.401, Fourth Floor in the " Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1300sqft of super built up area together with 277 sqft of undivided share and interest in property bearing old Survey No. 30/23, new Survey No. 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore and bounded on the **East by:** Land belongs to Munisidhappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Land belongs to Muniyappa and **South by:** remaining land in the same survey number. Latitude: 12.8188584 , Longitude: 77.6642761	A) 13(2) 06.12.2019 13(4) 07.03.2020 Physical **B) Rs. 48,77,755.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.31,93,000/- B) Rs. 3,19,300/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
10	Branch : BANGLORE J P NAGAR (159400) **Mob No. 9962022231** G K BHARTA **A/C No. 159400NC00004037, 159400NC00004064**	Residential Duplex flat bearing Flat No-G-1, ground and Mezzanine floor of the Apartment building known as Patel Chinnappa Garudadri Abode, 1st main, Dwarakanagar, BSK 3rd stage, PID No.55-251-8, Ward No. 55, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore -560085. Total built up area measuring 2550 sq ft, along with Sq ft along with undivided share of land measuring 806 sq ft Landmark: Near ORR flyover and PES College	A) 13(2) 03.03.2017 13(4) 28.06.2017 Physical **B) Rs. 1,63,81,461.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 83,55,000/- B) Rs. 8,35,500/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-**
11	Branch : EGL Business Park, Domlur (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Jagadeeshchari P G **A/C No. 754700NC00001401**	Residential property bearing flat No.G3, Ground floor "Neha Mahal" measuring 1050 sq ft of super built up area together with 270 sq ft of undivided share and interest in property bearing site no 16/18, 16/19 and 16/20 formed in Sy No 19/2 situated at 4th main road, Chinnayanapalya, Lakkasandra Extension Bangalore, now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagarapalike in Ward no 62.	A) 13(2) 7.10.2017 13(4) 21.03.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 60,60,500.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 32,00,000/- B) Rs. 3,20,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
12	Branch : EGL Business Park, Domlur (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Shamanthbabu Bothapati **A/C No. 754700NC00001465**	Flat No. G-2 on the Ground Floor of NEHA MAHAL having super built up area of 1050 sqft along with 270 sqft of undivided share right title and interest with one car parking space constructed on property bearing converted site no. 16/18, formed in Sy No 19/2 situated at 4th main road Chinnayanapalya , Lakkasandra Extension Bangalore now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP in ward no. 62,PID no. 62-42-16/18 measuring East to West 30+38.6/2 feet and north to South 36+54/2 ft in all measuring 1543 ft and no. 2 measuring 650 sft and no. 3 measuring East to West 42+37/2 ft and North to South 25.6+51/2 ft in all measuring 1512 sft.	A) 13(2) 09.05.2019 13(4) 09.08.2019 Symbolic **B) Rs. 60,10,175.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 32,00,000/- B) Rs. 3,20,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
13	Branch : EGL Business Park, Domlur (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** SRIHARI GULLA **A/C No. 754700NC00000800**	Residential property bearing flat No.406 in the fourth floor " NAHA LEGEND" having 980 sft. With 211 sft UDS constructed on piece and parcel of land bearing No.2001/1, in New BBMP Khatha 1002/1199/1093/882/200/1 in Sy No.138/3, Situated at Sarvabhouma Nagar, Bilakahalli village, Bangalore 560 076, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bounded on the **east by :** 30feet road, **West By:** Private Property , **North by** 30 feet road & **south By:** 30 feet Road.	A) 13(2) 19.10.2017 13(4) 09.04.2018 Physical **B) Rs 51,35,094.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 32,00,000/- B) Rs. 3,20,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
14	Branch : BANGALORE RICHMOND (020710) **Mob No. 9962022231** Christy Arul Sunder Singh **A/C No. 02077815000237**	Immovable residential site bearing no 154/A, Khata no 451, carved in and out of converted land bearing Sy no 70/1,70/2,71,72/1,72 & 53 situated at Abbigere Village ,presently within the limits of BBMP Yeshwathpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 40.00 feet North to South 15.00 feet total measuring 600 sq ft and bounded on **East by:**Site No 145,**West by :**Road, **North by:**Remaining portion of the Site no 154 and **South by :** Site no 155.	A) 13(2) 29.04.2023 13(4) 14.07.2023 Symbolic **B) Rs. 13,68,165.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 19,00,0000/- B) Rs 1,90,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
15	Branch : EGL Business Park, Domlur (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. K DIVYA MURTHY **A/C No. 754700NC00000934**	Residential Property bearing Flat no 202 , 2nd floor, in the residential apartment" NEHA ELITE " bearing site no 246 Sy no 37/5 Junnasandra Village,Doddkenehalli Village Panchayat ,Varthur Hobli, Bangalore ,measuring super builtup area of 1150 square feet and undivided share of land 291 square feet and bounded on the **east by:** 30 feet road, **West by:** site no291, **North by:** Site no.245 and **South by:** Site no. 247.	A) 13(2) 07.10.2017 13(4) 28.03.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 53,32,380.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 46,19,700/- B) Rs. 4,61,970/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**
16	Branch : Banglore Electronic City (123820) **Mob No. 9962022231** M RAMACHANDRA **A/C No. 1238300522915**	Residential Property bearing sy no.44/4a, Having area of 3394.50 sq ft at Hebbagodi,Balaji nagar, off Hosur Main road Near Gangamma and Yellamma Temple Biocon compus, Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk, PID No.55-251-8, Ward No. 55, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560100 and Bounded on **,East by :** 5feet Road & Land of Krishnappa **West by :**Land of Venkatesh, **North by :** M Shankar's Property in the Same Sy no and **South by :**Papanna's Property in the Same Sy no	A) 13(2) 27.05.2021 13(4) 15.09.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs. 14,30,850.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 1,83,62,000/- B) Rs. 18,36,200/- C) Rs. 2,00,000/-**
17	Branch : BANGLORE INDIRA NAGAR (126800) **Mob No. 9962022231** M. RAVI & REKHA H **A/C No. 520100NC00003776**	Residential apartment 'N M Paradise' flat no 2 in the Ground floor bearing new municipal no7/1 (old no 12/3 & 67) with PID no 83-277-7/1,4th main road, Garukamanthanapalya ,K R Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk .Total built up area measuring 1000 sq ft, along with undivided share of land measuring 316.40 Sq ft. Bounded on the **East by :**Apartment of Kempanna and Karagappa, **West by :**Property of Papanna, **North by :**Road and **South by :**House of Smt. Muniyamma	A) 13(2) 03.12.2019 13(4) 12.02.2020 Symbolic **B) Rs. 27,43,404.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 34,80,000/- B) Rs. 3,48,000/- C) Rs 25,000/-**
18	Branch : DOMLUR (159400) **Mob No. 9962022231** RAGHUNANDAN NOORI **A/C No. 754700NC000001252**	Residential Duplex flat bearing Flat No-G-1, ground and Mezzanine floor of the Apartment building known as Patel ChinnappaGarudadri Abode, 1st main, Dwarakanagar, BSK 3rd stage, PID No.55-251-8, Ward No. 55, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore -560085. Total built up area measuring 2550 sqft, along with Sqft along with undivided share of land measuring 806 sqft Landmark: Near ORR flyover and PES College	A) 13(2) 03.04.2017 13(4) 28.06.2017 Physical **B) Rs. 1,63,81,460.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 83,55.000/- B) Rs. 8,35,500/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-**
19	Branch : Bangalore City 004100 **Mob No. 9962022231** MADAN ENTERPRISES **A/C No. 0041008700011118**	Commercial Shops bearing No 181/41 and 181/42 , 3rd Floor, property bearing municipal no. 181 (privately numbered as 307) corporation ward no. 29,RK Complex, Arcot Sreenivasachar Street, Bangalore-560053.The Super Built up area of 1) Shop No. 181/41is 173.50 SQ FT along with UDS of 23.67 sqftand 2) The Super Built up area of Shop No. 181/42 is 194.74 SQ FT along with UDS of 25.44 sqft bounded on **East By:** Shop unit bearing municipal no. 181/40 & 181/41, **West By:** Shop unit bearing Municipal no. 181/42 , **North By:** Common Wall and **South By:** Common passage. Landmark: Opposite Chickpet metro station.	A) 13(2) 17.08.2016 13(4) 08.11.2016 Physical **B) Rs. 2,84,82,700.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 41,31,000/- B) Rs. 4,13,100/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**
20	Branch : Bangalore Peenya Industrial Estate 125100 **Mob No. 9962022231** MARUTHI PACKAGING INDUSTRIES **A/C No. 1251008700002961**	Property in the name of Shri Ramaiah S/o Muniyappa, bearing Survey No. 103/1, Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, ,Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District within the limits of the dasanapura Municipality Measuring 9801 sq ft out of total 2 acres and 2 guntas land bounded on **East by :** property of Venkatappa, **West by :** property in Sy No 112/1, **North by :** property of Veerappa and **South by :** property in Sy No 103/2.	A) 13(2) 27.10.2016 13(4) 03.08.2017 Symbolic **B) Rs. 42,44,855.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 1,35,00,000/- B) Rs. 13,50,000/- C) Rs. 1,50,000/-**
21	Branch : Bangalore Jayanagar (SOL ID: 128700) **Mob No. 9962022231** P.Sridhar & S. Panduranga, Shri DiwakaraN **A/C No. 128700NC00007220**	Property bearing No.9/2-1,situated at 11th Main Road, Prakashnagar, Bangalore, presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, INWARD No.23, PID No. 23-26-9/2-1, New PID No.098-W0074-1, PID No. 098-W00074-1, pid No. measuring East to West 15 feet and North to south 30 feet totally measuring 450 sft with building thereon with all civic amenities bounded on the **East by:** Property belongs to Chandrasekhar, **West by:** Road, **North by :** Road & **South by:** P4 feet passage.	A) 13(2) 07.11.2022 13(4) **B) Rs. 44,09,696.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 59,00,000/- B) Rs. 5,90,000/- C) Rs. 50,000 /-**

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2.** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. **3.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. **4.** Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com**. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. **5.** The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in, 6.** The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e -बिकरय IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). **7.** The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. **8.** Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. **9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10.** It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. **(1)** In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. **11.** After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). **12.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **13.** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. **14.** Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. **15.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **16.** The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. **17.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **19.** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **20.** All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. **21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22.** The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. **23.** It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 06.08.2023

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM GENERAL PUBLIC that my client **MR. MANOJ B** is Intent to purchase the immovable schedule property from **SRI. VENKATESH, SRI. GOVINDA @ GONINDARAJU, SRI. GIRIYAPPA & SRI. SRINIVASA duly** Represented their agreement holder **SRI. HONNAIAH & SRI. HAPU RAM PATEL** vide sale agreement dated 27/07/2023, if any person/s financial institution, banks, creditors, any suits, any state holder etc., having any interest, objections, claims, rights, or interest of whatsoever manner in the above said property. The same may be lodged/appear before the undersigned within 7 days along with supporting documents as evidence. If no objection or claims lodged with undersigned within the said period my client will be proceed to purchase of the above property treating that there is/are no claim and no claims shall be entertained after 7 days and late such claims will be not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential **vacant site No 30 (Thirty) carved in Sy No 7/4 situated at SRIKANTAPURA VILLAGE, DASANAPURA HOBLI, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK. Measuring: East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 30 feet, Total measuring: 1200 Sq.Ft, And bounded by:** East by: site No 21. West by: 30 feet Road. North by: Site No.29. South by: Site No.31.

NARAYANA RAO, Advocate, BAL.,LLB
Office #44, 4th Cross, Bhyraveshwaranagara, Shettihalli, Jalahalli West Post, BANGALORE-560015. **MOB: 094804 30019**
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IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDL. PRINCIPAL FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE

M.C. 5820 / 2019

Between: Smt. Mala Signh H @ Tina Singh W/o Sri. Nagendra Kumar Singh, Aged about 35 years, residing at No. 75-A, 4th Cross, RMS Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru - 560094. **...PETITIONER**

And: Sri. Nagendra Kumar Singh, Aged about 39 years S/o. Late. B.S.K. Singh, Residing at No.08, 1st Cross, 7th Main, Chikkalasandra, Sarvabhaumanagar, Brigade Residency, Subramanyapura, Bangalore - 560 102.
Also know residing at: E-101, Rishab Prime City, Adarsha Nagar, Durg District, Chathisghad State-491001. **...RESPONDENT**

Whereas Smt. Mala Signh H @ Tina Singh W/o Sri. Nagendra Kumar Singh, instituted the above petition against the respondent, respectively the above petition is for Decree of Divorce among other reliefs, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader **on the 3rd day of October 2023 at 11 O'clock,** to answer the same, failing which the petition / application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 13th day of July 2023.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner : **Muniraja HM,** Gogi and Gogi
No. 502, Ground Floor, 4th Cross, near ISRO (HO). R.M.V. 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094.

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IN THE COURT OF THE XXIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE. AT BANGALORE CHH-30

P& SC No 224/2023

Petitioners V/s. Respondent NIL

1. Mr. Krishnamurthy Chandrasekar, S/o Late KC Krishna Murthy Aged about 65 years Residing at 654, 2nd Main Road, Sri Anantha Nagar Electronic City Bangalore- 560100.
2. Aditi Chandrasekar D/o. Krishnamurthy Chandrasekar Aged about 36 years Residing at No. 654, 2nd Main Road Sri Anantha Nagar Electronic City Bangalore- 560100.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioners have made petition to this Court under Section 270 of Indian Succession for the grant of letters of Administration in favour of the Petitioner No. 1, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule properties were held by the Smt. Nalini Venkatesh Bhat. the wife of Petitioner No. 1 and mother of Petitioner No. 2 herein, who expired on 07.04.2022.
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 22.08.2023 at 11:00 A.M. to show cause against the Petitioners, failing which the present petition will be heard and disposed off Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the residential house constructed on land in Site No. 654 and bearing Kaneshmari No.103/654, situated at Shree Ananthnagar layout, formed in Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by Site No. 655, West by:Site No.653, North by: Site No. 649, South by Road.
2. All that piece and parcel of half share in Residential Apartment Unit No 3191, 'Building Tower 3, Floor 18 level 19, in the project by the name of "Leaming to Fly", constructed on Survey No. 12/2, 17h Cross 29th Main Road, Off 100 ft Ring Road, JP Nagar 7th Phase. Bangalore - 560078.

MOVEABLE PROPERTIES:

1. 8700 Shares in the Company called Atlas Distributors Pvt Ltd.
2. 4900 Shares with Distinctive Numbers 5001 to 9900 issued vide Folio No.2, Share Certificate No, 5 in the Company called as Team G Solutions Pvt Ltd.
3. 1000 Shares with Distinctive Numbers 0331649001 to 0331650000 issued vide Folio No. CNB061899 261439 Share Certificate No. 61899 in Canara Bank
4. 150 Shares with Distinctive Numbers 0597235904-0597236053 issued vide Folio No. CNB061899 44490 Share Certificate No. 240369 in Canara Bank.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 3rd day of August, 2023.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar City Civil Court Bengaluru

Address for Service
D. Bhanu Pradeep
Advocate
103, Cunningham Classic No.22, Cunningham Road Bengaluru- 560 052

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance

PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.)
Registered Office Address : Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramala Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai- 400 070.
CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639, Web Side:- www.piramalfinance.com
Branch Address : Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) – 400 602.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) [formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL)]** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Nnotice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00200005281 of Bengaluru - Magestic Branch) Guruprasad N (Borrower) Parimala K (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 2652981/- (₹ Twenty Six lakh Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One Only) NPA (08-01-2023)	# 8, 3rd Floor, ' Purvi Residency' Sy. No. 50/2b, Doddakalasandra Village, Uttaralli Hobli, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560062
(LC No. 12700004007 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Sree Nanjundeshwara Enterprises (Borrower) Lakshmi M G (Co Borrower 1) Nbnje Gowda.N S.O Bharath.N (Co Borrower 2)	26-06-2023 ₹ 629513/- (₹ Six lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Only) NPA (08-01-2023)	"M_Machine_Name :- 1) Automatic Rinsing, Filling, Capping Machine - 60 to 90 BPM 2) Blow Form Machine 3) Hp / Blow Form Machine 4) Air Compressor / 20 Hp Air Compressor 5) Refrigerated Air Drier : 100CFM Ap_Model_No:- 1) Model : ECO 1.5 (Auto Drop)"
(LC No. 12700001462 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Praveen Prakash (Borrower) Krishnaveni Muddukur (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 445321/- (₹ Four lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty One Only) NPA (08-11-2022)	Site No.12, Golden Enclave, Sy No.106 & 107, Kasaba Hobli, Thandremaradahalli Village, Chikkaballapura Bengaluru Karnataka - 562101
(LC No. 02700006084 of Davangere Branch) Satheesh H B (Borrower) Ishwarya K M (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 1337018/- (₹ Thirteen lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eighteen Only) NPA (10-04-2023)	Site No 05, Khata No.359 Holalkere Road, Cholaghatta Kirubanakallu Chitradurga Chitradurga Karnataka :- 577501
(LC No. 15100000574 of Yelahanka Branch) Latha N (Borrower) Kiran Kumar T C (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 2019776/- (₹ Twenty lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Only) NPA (09-02-2023)	Flat No 813, 7th Floor Seventh Floor, Aryan Fountain Square Attibele Sarjapura Road Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562107
(LC No. 21400044195 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) Saraf Nagaraj Nagendra (Borrower) Gowthami Nagendra Saraf (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 1070415/- (₹ Ten lakh Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Only) NPA (10-04-2023)	Site No 55, Katha No 211/55, bescome City Nandi Hobli Chikkaballapur Taluk, And Dist Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562101
(LC No. 24600000245 of Chandapura Branch) Krishna Pandit (Borrower) Kumari Kiran (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 896324/- (₹ Eight lakh Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Only) NPA (09-12-2022)	Flat No 633 Block A 5th Floor Aryan Palm Graves Marasur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk Chandapura Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560099
(LC No. 24700000666 of Kengeri Branch) D M Dharmendra (Borrower) Chaithra M J (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 2945366/- (₹ Twenty Nine lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six Only) NPA (10-04-2023)	Flat No 201, 2nd Floor S V Paradise, Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560091
(LC No. 08600001716 of Bengaluru Metro Jayanagar Branch) Mahammed Rafi K (Borrower) Akhtarbanu M (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 139939/- (₹ One lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Only) NPA (10-04-2023)	Site No.66, Nandi N Square Mantanakurchi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560001
(LC No. 12700003572 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Ganapathi M Hegde (Borrower) Arati Hegde (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 3108883/- (₹ Thirty One lakh Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Only) NPA (11-03-2023)	Northern portion Site No 10, sy no.5/3, kh no.64, 2nd cross, Preethinagar, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560058
(LC No. 15400000445 of Kolar Branch) Mohan Rajamanickam (Borrower) Raman M (Co Borrower 1) Shashidharan M (Co Borrower 2)	26-06-2023 ₹ 2100287/- (₹ Twenty One lakh Two Hundred Eighty Seven Only) NPA (11-05-2023)	No 5, Sy 72/2, Bbmp Ward No 23 Horamavu Agara Vellage K R Puram Hobli Bangalore Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560043
(LC No. 00200003062 of Bengaluru - Magestic Branch) Parvathamma K N (Borrower) Kumarswamy H S (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 164003/- (₹ One lakh Sixty Four Thousand Three Only) NPA (11-05-2023)	Site No. 38, Sy. No. 160/2 V P Limit, Kothnoor Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560068
(LC No. 215BNG33049 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -2 Branch) Amit Srivastav (Borrower) Nikki Srivastav (Co Borrower 1)	26-06-2023 ₹ 442745/- (₹ Four lakh Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five Only) NPA (11-05-2023)	Plot No. 50, J R Garden Retreat, Village. Igloor Village, Attibele Bangalore Karnataka - 562106
(LC No. 00200003727 of Bengaluru - Magestic Branch) Ramachandra Reddy B N (Borrower) Nagaveni R (Co Borrower 1) Narendra R (Co Borrower 2)	26-06-2023 ₹ 492407/- (₹ Four lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Seven Only) NPA (11-05-2023)	Sy No. 61 Varthur Village Varthur Hobli Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560087

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 06-08-2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

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Russia mounts massive drone barrage on Ukraine

Kremlin launched 70 missile attacks, including Shahed-136/131

KYIV

MOSCOW unleashed a massive missile and drone barrage on western Ukraine on Sunday, following through on its promise to retaliate for a Ukrainian attack on a Russian tanker.

Russian and Ukrainian shelling across the country overnight killed in at least six persons, officials said.

Separately, Moscow's second-largest airport briefly suspended flights early Sunday following a foiled drone attack near the Russian capital.

Ukraine's air force said Russia launched 70 attack drones and missiles, including cruise missiles from aircraft over the Caspian Sea and Iranian-made, Shahed-136/131 strike UAVs. Ukraine said that it shot down 30 out of the 40 cruise missiles and all Shahed drones launched by Russia.

Serhiy Tyurin, deputy head of Ukraine's Khmelnytsky region military administration, said three waves of missiles hit the Starokostiantyniv area, damaging several buildings and igniting a fire at a warehouse. The strike may have been intended for the city's airfield, officials said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the facilities of aircraft engine manufacturer Motor Sich in the Zaporizhzhia region had also come under attack.

Workers wave a flag after installing the Ukrainian coat of arms on the shield in the hand of Ukraine's tallest stature, the Motherland Monument in Kyiv on Sunday | AFP

Two of the six fatalities overnight Sunday occurred during a Russian air strike in Ukraine's Kharkiv region, according to the head of the local regional military administration, Oleh Syniehubov. Another four persons were injured.

Zelenskyy said that a guided bomb had hit a blood transfusion centre in the area's Kupyan district late on August 5.

"This war crime alone says everything about Russian aggression," Zelenskyy wrote on social media. "Defeating terrorists is a matter of honour for everyone who values life."

Meanwhile, Ukrainian shelling in Russian-held Donetsk killed a woman in her eighties, the city's Moscow-appointed mayor Alexei Kulemzin said on Sunday. The shelling also set the main building of a university on fire. Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said that the blaze caused the building's roof to collapse, but that there were no casualties. *AP*

Pope Francis waves to the crowd in Lisbon on Saturday | AP

World Youth Day to return to Asia in 2027, declares Pope

LISBON

POPE Francis told young people on Sunday the Catholic Church needs them and urged them to follow their dreams as he wrapped up World Youth Day in Portugal with a massive open-air Mass and an announcement that the next edition would be held in Asia for the first time in three decades.

News that Seoul, South Korea would host World Youth Day in 2027 was a reflection of the continent's increasing importance to the Catholic Church, given the church is young and growing there whereas it is withering in traditionally Christian lands in Europe.

Francis made the announcement at the end of a Mass before an estimated 1.5 million pilgrims, many of whom camped out overnight on the Lisbon field so they could be in place for the grand finale of the Catholic festival. Joining them were some 700 bishops and 10,000 priests, Vatican said.

After Francis announced Seoul would host the 2027 edition, South Korean youths bearing a huge national flag jumped on the stage in glee. A half-century ago, Catholics represented about 1% of the South Korean population; today they represent 10% of the population of 50 million, and Vatican statistics show that more than 100,000 people are baptised every year.

Seoul Archbishop Peter Soon-taek Chung told reporters that he expected "hopefully" more than the 30,000 pilgrims who attended the 2008 Sydney edition to come to Seoul. He said one aim would be to reinvigorate youth ministry in South Korea, which he said had suffered during the pandemic with fewer young Catholics attending Mass. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **SRI. JAGADISH REDDY R.S,** aged about 34 years, S/o Subba Reddy, Residing at No. 1032, 8th Cross, behind Narasimhaswamy Temple, Kammagondanahalli, Jalahalli Bengaluru 560 015, have entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the schedule property with the owner **SRI. M. NANJUNDARADHYA,** Aged about 49 years, S/o. Markandaiahswamy, Residing at No 40, Ambulgere Village, Doddabelavagala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 561204.

Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title and interest over the schedule property are called upon to lodge such claim/s or objection/s with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within **7 (SEVEN) days** from the date of this publication. If no such objections or claims are received within the said period, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Old Sy.No. 8, New Sy.No. 8/3 Khushki Land 1-05-00 (A-G-A) out of 2-10-00 (A-G-A) situated at Bhadrapura Village, Madhure Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk and bounded on:

East by : Property belongs to Mata and Purushanahalli Gadi, **West by :** 8-0 Feet Common Passage and Channe Gowda's Property, **North by :** Remaining Portion of Nanjundaradhya, **South by :** Property belongs to Mata.

Sd/- **LAKSHMISHAIAH .S,** Advocate
No.9, 2nd Floor, Near Bagalagunte Signal, Hesaragatta Main Road, Bagalagunte, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560073.
M : 7676776779

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Raghavendra.R.Y. intents to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri.P.Srihari Sampath Kumar S/o Sri.K.Prasanna Kumar. If any other person/s has/ have got any nature of right, claim or interest over the Schedule Property be lodged with supporting documents to the undersigned within fifteen days from the date of this publication. If the undersigned do not receive any claim within the stipulated period our client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property treating that there is no claim over the Schedule Property by any person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing No.989, 3rd main, 4th block, HMT Employees' Coo-operative House Building Society, Nagasandra, (Nelakadirenanhalli Village), Bangalore 560 073, measuring East to West: (61'+60')/2 and North to South: 40' totally measuring 2420 Sq feet.

BOUNDED ON : **East by :** Property No.969 & 970, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property No.990, **South by :** Property No.988.

R.B. Mruthyunjaya, Advocate
No.14, FF-002, SK Prerana Complex, Seshadripuram College Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.
Mob: 9980099018, 9972548305

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I BENGALURU,
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore – 560 001.
O. A. No. 442 / 2022.

Between:- City Union Bank Ltd, Kengeri Branch, No.1107, 1st Main Road, Opp Dominate Pizza, Kengeri Sattellite Town, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560 060, represented by its Branch Manager and Constituted Attorney Mr. Naveen K. ...**Applicant**

And

M/s. HTM Links & others...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT NOs. 1 to 3 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF1993, BY PAPER PUBLICATION

To:

1. M/s. HTM Links Represented by its Proprietor, Sri. Zakir Abbas Khan, No.224/17, Ground Floor, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 056,

2. Sri. Zakir Abbas Khan, S/o Anwar Abbas Khan No.224/17, Ground Floor, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 056,

3. Smt. Asma Ayesha Khanum W/o. Mr. Zakir Abbas Khan, No.224/17, Ground Floor, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 056,

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of a sum **of Rs.26,35,997.94 (**Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Ninety Four Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defense to show cause on **19-10-2023 at 10:30 AM** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of the Tribunal this the **06th day of July 2023 .**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Asst.Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bengaluru

TENDER NOTICE:
ITC LTD, PERSONAL CARE DIVISION, BANGALORE
INVITES QUOTATION FOR BUYING OF SCRAP MATERIALS FROM THE PLANT

Sealed quotations are invited for sale of following scrap materials from our third-party manufacturing location situated at ITC LTD, PCPB, C/o Innova Consumer Care Pvt Ltd, Sy.No.45, Samethanahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 560067 on "As is where is basis".

Scrap Item details: Plastic Bottle, Corrugated Box, HD Polythene, MS Drum, Plastic Drum, BOPP tape, Caps & Closure, Labels and other miscellaneous raw materials such as fragrance, general chemicals etc.

Note : (1) Detailed list will be shared on request during the plant visit. (2) Crushing, Shredding, Dismantling, defacing, segregation, loading / unloading shall be managed and borne by the buyer. (3) All the applicable taxes shall be extra on the quotation rate and to be borne by the buyer. (4) Buyer should have valid GST Certificate, PF&ESIC Certificate, Pollution Control Board license including plastic etc. (5) Items can be inspected on all working days from **08-08-2023 to 14-08-2023** between 2 PM to 4 PM at above mentioned address (6) Quotations are to be sent latest by **18-08-2023** 6:00 PM addressed to Commercial Manager at the above mentioned address (7) The quotation shall be considered for a contract for a term up to one year. (8) All sale will be made on 100% advance of base value and applicable taxes (9) Company reserves the right to discard any of the quotation without assigning any reason.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,57,17,629/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Nine only)** as on **13-02-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **14-02-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Kerrat Handlooms Plot No.16/17/18, 2nd Floor, Jalaram Compound, Surat, Gujarat - 394210. No.2) Mr. Kushal Shantilal Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Shantilal Panchariya, Apartment No.304, Ahuja Palace, Richmond Road, North Bangalore, Karnataka - 560025. Also at: Mr. Kushal Shantilal Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Shantilal Panchariya, Flat No.304, B- Wing, Ahuja Palace, No.96, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560025. No.3 Mr. Shantilal Ramvilas Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Ramvilas Panchariya, Flat No.1101, Tower - P/2, Capital Green, Vesu, Surat, Gujarat - 395007.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Kushal Shantilal Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Shantilal Panchariya)

Item No.1:- All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property now known as and bearing Corporation No.96, situated at Richmond Road (Between Richmond Circle to Shoolay Circle), in Corporation Division No.61, Bangalore Totally admeasuring 23,388 Sq.ft., (2,173.60 Sq.mr.,) and Bounded on:- East - Proper Nos.91, 92, 93, 94 & 95, Richmond Road and a passage of the said premises measuring on that side 181 feet 10 inches, West - Property of Ali Raza Trust measuring on the side 125 feet, North - Baldwin Girl High School measuring on that side 147 feet and 6 inches, South - Private Property measuring on that side 125 feet 6 inches.

Item No.2:- 1470 / 45000 the undivided share, right title and interest in the immovable property now know as and bearing Corporation No.96, Richmond Road Banglaore, more fully mentioned and described in the Item No.1 above. The site Area of the Item No.2 Property works out to 904.336 Sq.ft., (84.046 Sq.mtr.,).

Item No.3:- Apartment No.304, on Third Floor having a Super Built-up Area of 1,740 Sq.feet with R.C.C. Roofing and Marble Flooring along with Two Open Car Parking Space in Multistoried building known as AHUJA PALACE at No.96, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560025, PID No. 76-19-96/25.

Reserve Price : Rs.2,00,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
28-08-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch,** 194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560038. Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No.9341003179.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, 194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560038. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No.9341003179. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-08-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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FORM-4
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVIII ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
CC No. 2752/2019

Between : Icon Infra Shelters India Private Limited, it's Authorized Representative/Director, Dr. P. Manmohan Reddy, No. 548, 1st Floor, 22nd Cross, 14th Main, Sector-3, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102. ...**Complainant**

V/S

Smt. Vijaya Kumari and another ...**Accused**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

1. Smt. Vijaya Kumari, W/o S. Narayanaswamy, Aged about 40 Years,

2. M/s. N.V. Developers, A Partnership Firm, represented by its Partner Smt. Vijaya Kumari,

Both are at No.691/D, 2nd Sector, 22nd Main, 19th Cross, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102. ...**Accused**

WHEREAS, the complainant has been made before me that, the accused have committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence of punishable u/s 138 of the Negotiable Instrument act, that it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the above mentioned accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the above mentioned accused have absconded (or is cancelling herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the above mentioned accused are required to appear at before this court (or before me) answer the said compliant on the day **26.09.2023.**

Sheristedar,
XXXVIII A.C.M.M. Court, Bangalore.
Date : 05.08.2023

IN THE COURT OF VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 412/2023 (CCH-11)

BETWEEN: SUBASHINI @ P. SHEELAMARY, aged about 43 years, W/of Late Philip J., R/at No 182, Gangamma Sarkal, Velangani Lain, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560013. ... PETITIONER

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner has made a petition to this Hon'ble Court (CCH-11) under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925. praying for issue of a Succession Certificate in respect of the estate/ Property, as below Scheduled, so left by her deceased father Shadagoparajan .N who died on 19.12.2019 at Bangalore. Interested parties are hereby directed to appear before this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **13-09-2023** at 11.00 Clock in forenoon to show cause against the Petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined exparte

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The S/B Account bearing No. 04442010045968 having deposit of Rs.3,40,577.51/- as on 01/05/2023 at Syndicate Bank, Kalathur Building Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli, Bengaluru - 560013 now said bank has been merged with Carrara Bank, Jalahalli Branch, at Bengaluru -560013.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 04-08-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

ADVOCATE'S NAME AND ADDRESS:
RAJU .P.T., Advocate,
No.281, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Manjunath Nagar, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru -560073.

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FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 137/2020

Canara Bank, Hennur Road Branch, Hennur Main Road, Bengaluru-560 049. ....**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

--Versus--

Smt. Padmavathi ...**CERTIFICATE DEBTOR(S)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To

Smt. Padmavathi, W/o. Sri. D.Venugopal, Proprietrix of M/s. Dr. Wash, No.8/1, Narayana murthy Industrial Area, Vijayapura Road, Ramamurthy Nagara, Bengaluru -560 016.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1312/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **18/02/2020** for an amount of **Rs. 46,72,981/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **17th day of June, 2020.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT-I : BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

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Note : That our **132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080081356) dated **30-09-2021** requested by No.8 of you represented by Nos. 1, 2 and 5 of you as Partners for which Nos.1, 2 and 5 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 1 and 2 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 45,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-12-2022** and the outstanding balance as on **08-06-2023** is **Rs. 50,92,856/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **09-06-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, S/o. Suresh Shah & Mrs. Jalpa Jain, W/o. Mr. Mohith Kumar Jain)

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial land and Building bearing Sy. No.2 (Re-Survey No. 60/1) Southern Portion of Property No.31, PID No.26-33-31/1, Measuring : East - West : 70 Feet, and North-South : 54 Feet, in all 3,780 sq.ft. Situated at Kranti Kavi Sarvagnya Road, Okalipuram, Bangalore, constructed building thereon and bounded by : East by : Road; West by : Road, North by : Property belonging to Ajit T. Shah: and South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.6,60,00,000/-
(Rupees Six Crore Sixty Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. Prema .S Rao, W/o. Late Sadhashiv Rao)

All that piece and parcel of Three Bed Room Residential Flat bearing No.1, in the Ground Floor, Eastern Side, Municipal Katha No.29, PID No.27-71-29 with 1,400 sq.ft. of Super Built-up-Area and undivided share of land to an extent of 670 sq.ft. or 1/6th Share out of total measurement of : East to West : 80 ft. and North to South : 50 ft. admeasuring 4,000 sq.ft. Situated at I Cross, Nehru Nagar, Bangalore City, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever and bounded on : (For Site) East by : Private Property; West by : Main Road; North by : Property No.28; and South by : Property No.30 (For Flat -East by : Passage, West by : Flat No.2, North by : Passage, South by : Passage) .

Reserve Price : Rs.1,26,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakh only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Late Udit Dhanuka Now represented by Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka & Mrs. Sumitra Devi Dhanuka as his legal heirs)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No.GF-2, Municipal No.53, PID No.91-75-53 assigned by the BBMP on the Ground Floor , Measuring about 1,100 sq.ft. Super built-up-Area, in the Apartment known as "LA CITADEL", situated at promenade Road, Ward No.91, Frazer Town, Bangalore, and bounded by : East by : Property bearing Old No.19; West by : Property bearing Old No.17; North by : Promenade Road and; South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.93,50,000/-
(Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

Schedule - D : (Property Owned by Mr. Ajit Trambakla Shah, S/o. T.T. Shah)

All that piece and parcel of the Property situated at Site Nos.41 and 42, Katha No.16/2, Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, within limits of BBMP measuring : East to West : 48 feet and North to South : 60 Feet in all 2,880 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Private Property, West by : Road and Site No.50, North by : Site No.02, South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,24,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
15-09-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch,** No.58/1,13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1,13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 05-08-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage properties in the below mentioned accounts for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 04.08.2023	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	30258310000173	1) Mr. Kiran Kumar Ramamurthy, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi Devi, 3) Mr. Eshwar	29.08.2020	26.03.2021	Rs.12,84,665/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Only)	23.08.2023 Time 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.6,90,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)	Rs.69,000/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Thousand Only)	08.09.2023 Time: 02:00 PM	07.09.2023 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A - Description of Immoveable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibelehobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk, Bangalore and **Bounded on the: North by:** Maya Sandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41, **East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road.
Schedule-'B' Property: Property to be conveyed: The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.
Schedule-'C': Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-108, First Floor of Tower-01, consists of One Hall, One Bed Rood, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, Such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms water, drainage and/ or electrical conduit/s and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000061. Email id: info@bankauctions.in / subbarao@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.9590858249) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob. No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 07.08.2023, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

₹2,000 cr have been pulled out by foreign investors from the Indian equities in the first week of August.

Health insurance benefits at workplace influence job seekers

Employee health insurance policy provides coverage not only for employees but also to their family, depending on the chosen plan

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WITH medical expenses going through the roof, individuals are trying to find ways to deal with high medical bills. The impact of high medical bills is now visible in the job market as health insurance has now become an integral part of the job search process.

Although salary is still the most important part of job selection, health insurance coverage has also emerged as one of the main factors influencing the decision of job seekers to select a company.

A recent survey by Aditya Birla Health Insurance revealed that 79% of the respondents would actively seek an employer who insured their family's medical expenses. This study titled 'New Health Normal Report', which highlighted increased interest in medical insurance products, was conducted with 6,600 respondents across 19 key cities spread across the country.

Candidates are giving priority to companies offering better health insurance coverage, say hiring managers. "Medical insurance coverage became a significant parameter just after the second wave of pandemic. This (health insurance) is now a very significant consideration for candidates when choosing an employer," Aditya Narayan Mishra, Managing Director and CEO of CIEL HR Services- a recruitment and staffing services providing firm which is a part of the Ma Foi Group, told this newspaper.

"After the pandemic, in 2020 and 2021, when the hiring process gained pace again, the candidates looked at this particular aspect of what medical and insurance benefits a company is giving," added Mishra.

Firms adapt to market trend

Responding to the market trend, companies have also started yielding to the demand for health insurance benefits. They are offering better healthcare coverage to attract and retain talent.

"Now many companies have revised their benefits, by adding more insurance benefits and have made it a lot better than it used to be in the past," said Mishra.

Employee health insurance is a benefit extended by an employer to their employees. An employee health insurance policy provides coverage not only for the employee but also extends to their family, depending on the chosen plan. The scope of coverage offered by these policies may vary among different companies.

Employee health insurance covers the medical expenses of employees, their spouses, and their children, and in some cases, the parents. It includes hospitalisation costs, medical tests, surgeries, and other medical procedures.

Furthermore, certain employee health insurance policies may offer reimbursements for doctor's fees and post-checkup expenses.

"As one of the leading health insurers in the country, it is heartening to see that majority of respondents, as per the New Health Normal Report, are actively seeking an employer who values their family's well-being through medical insurance," Mayank Bathwal, CEO, Aditya Birla Health Insurance told TNIE. "This paradigm shift underscores the growing realisation that true wealth lies not only in monetary compensation but also in the peace of mind that comes with robust healthcare coverage," he added.

High medical cost influence job search

Taking note of rising costs associated with hospitalisations and medicines, individuals are turning to group health insurance plans of companies.

For some employees joining a company offering little less salary is a profitable bet if that company is offering better health insurance coverage. Due to sedentary lifestyle and stress, diabetes and hypertension have become common among employees.

Such lifestyle-related diseases increase the chances of hospitalisation for individuals and that is prompting candidates to choose a company that offers insurance plans to cover medical expenses.

"The decision to prioritise health insurance when choosing a job has been a transformative one for me. It has provided me with security, peace of mind, and the ability to pursue my dreams without sacrificing the well-being of myself or my loved ones," said Anand Kumar, who works in a private firm operating in the communication sector.

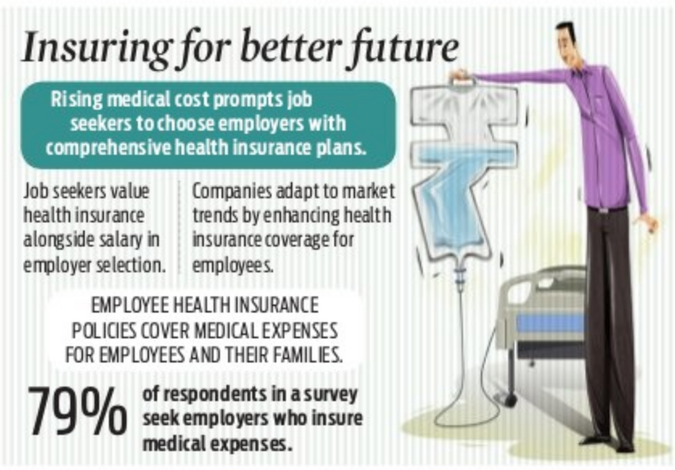
"Having worked for a company that offers comprehensive healthcare coverage, I can confidently attest to the immense value and peace of mind it brings to employees and their families. In today's complex healthcare landscape, navigating insurance policies can be confusing and time-consuming," he added.

According to individuals, employee health insurance plans provide financial protection and mental peace against future medical uncertainties.

"During my job search, I came across a company that not only offered competitive salaries and career growth opportunities but also stood out for its comprehensive health insurance benefits. The company understood the importance of safeguarding their employees' well-being and invested in top-tier health insurance plans that covered a wide range of medical services, including preventive care, hospitalisation, and specialist consultations," said Abhishek Chowdhury, who works in a public sector unit (PSU).

Most of the employer-provided health insurance plans offer cashless claim benefits to employees.

This feature ensures that when an employee is hospitalised, he/she is not required to pay anything out of pocket for the treatment.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Rising medical cost prompts job seekers to choose employers with comprehensive health insurance plans.
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EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES COVER MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
79% of respondents in a survey seek employers who insure medical expenses.

MONEY MATTERS

HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF EARNINGS SEASON

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

SHARE prices move in tandem with profits. They do not care about anything else. There could be a short-term trend of volatility. However, in the long term, share prices fall in line with the trend of corporate profits. Over 10-15 years, companies with solid businesses have delivered profitable growth. They are best equipped with short-term situations related to high raw-material costs, interest rates or any other industrial issue. They find their way out and continue their work.

The design of a company is to minimise risks and maximise profits. The sector where the business operates does not matter. The company management's job is to grow the business and profits. As an investor, you can take a slice of the company's profits by committing your savings. You can either directly buy shares or invest through mutual funds. When you invest, you give your money a chance to grow.

As we often advocate, you need to add the edge of knowledge to your investments. There are so many ways you can gather helpful information about solid companies. You need to look up businesses that are bullish on the path ahead. You can rely on your stockbroker to filter companies for you. The other option is to work with a financial advisor who can recommend shares for you to buy. If you research independently, one way to start is to list companies you wish to track and eventually invest in. You can look up and read their quarterly result announcements to track their performance.

Along with quarterly financial performance, companies also publish a conference call transcript with market analysts and investors. They answer questions that are related to the performance. You may not understand everything that is said in that transcript. However, you can look for words that elaborate on 'growth', 'demand', 'outlook', 'risks', 'margins', and 'costs', among others. You need to look for hints that suggest the company is on a growth path and that risks are low for future profit growth.

For example, in the latest result transcript, Maruti Suzuki, the biggest carmaker in India, told analysts that the company grew by 12% in the first quarter of 2023-24 against an industry growth rate of 7%. The momentum is likely to continue, the transcript said. Similarly, Tata Motors indicated that the demand for auto products across categories would remain strong.

An important aspect that hurts your investments is inflation. It affects consumers as their income goes down, and they cut spending. That further hurts businesses as the demand for goods and services slows. The other way inflation hurts companies is the rising cost of inputs. If companies borrow more money from banks and other resources, they have to pay more interest. Top businesses know how to manage costs and rising prices. They communicate well and continue to perform. Hindustan Unilever, the biggest consumer company, makes 37 references to how inflation affects the company in the conference call transcript.

The challenge is to choose the right company to create an all-weather portfolio. A diverse group of fundamentally strong shares are perfect for that investment. You can pick shares in the S&P BSE Sensex or NSE Nifty and create your portfolio. Shares that make up for these benchmark indices are usually sector leaders or fundamentally strong businesses.

The idea is to buy, hold, and add more to the number of shares you own over the years. The other simple way is to own the benchmark index like the NSE 50 or S&P BSE Sensex. For example, if you invested in the Nifty 50 index fund in August 2008, your money would have multiplied five times. It would jump multi-fold if you allocated some money to technology companies directly or through the Nifty IT index. A much broader allocation to a Nifty 500 index would not be beneficial. The performance of the Nifty 500 index was flat for 15 years. During the same phase, gold was appreciated four times. The above analysis shows that not all equity investments can generate high returns. You need to ensure that you allocate your hard-earned savings to top businesses.

MONEY-WISE

RATIONALE BEHIND THE RUSH FOR SMALL CAP FUNDS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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AFTER reviewing the industry and segmental figures for the last quarter against the backdrop of the anticipated market uptick, my team pointed out that for the third straight month in June 2023, the inflows into small cap funds were the highest, clocking record high inflows on a month-on-month basis of ₹5,472 crore.

If one dissected the numbers of the entire quarter from April to June, 2023 (Q1), as per the data provided by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), it is the small cap funds that topped the inflow charts, with a net aggregate of ₹11,000 crore. At the other end of the spectrum, large-cap funds witnessed an outflow of ₹3,360 crore during the same quarter.

Lest it gets mistaken to be a one-off, it is worth stressing here that even in the prior quarter i.e. January to March, 2023 (Q4 of FY 2022-23), small cap funds clocked inflows of over ₹6,900 crore.

This sharp surge of inflows has pushed the assets under management (AUM) of small cap mutual funds up by 28% to ₹1.7 lakh crore at the end of June 2023 as compared to ₹1.33 lakh crore at the end of March 2023.

Meanwhile, over the last half decade, the universe of small caps has literally doubled from ₹8,580 crore in 2017 to ₹16,400 crore in 2023. This increase in the market capitalisation of small cap companies also lowers (at least theoretically) the primary risks of illiquidity and higher volatility usually associated with small cap stocks.

Given that a lot of mutual fund investors still invest based on the category of funds that have the best return numbers at a given point in time, it should come as no surprise that the small cap funds category's performance numbers have been substantially boosted this year in the ongoing market rally.

This category has recorded handsome returns with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) approximating an average of 34% over the last one year, 42% over the last three years, and 19% over the last five years.

By any yardstick, these are indisputably very good numbers. So why is this happening ought to be the logical question that follows.

Historically, it has been noticed that when there is a stream of steady inflows even after the market has run up, the valuation gap between small cap companies and large cap companies widens. In such a scenario, the excess liquidity almost inevitably gravitates towards small-cap companies as fund managers start seeking out value within the otherwise neglected category.

This in turn provides the alpha that has become far more difficult to generate in the large cap category and boosts performance numbers, which again, fuels further liquidity and inflows.

Clearly then, there is inherent higher risk in the allocations to this category but for those with the requisite risk appetite, the potential rewards are enticing enough.

In the next column, we shall delve more deeply into the category of Small Cap Funds, its definition and investment universe.

Sci-tech ministry asks FinMin to launch research linked incentive scheme

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

THE Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) has written to the Finance Ministry to introduce a Research Linked Incentive (RLI) scheme in the next budget to be announced in 2024, a top government official told TNIE. The scheme will aim to boost research and development in the IT sector by giving incentives to the companies.

"We have requested for the RLI scheme on the lines of production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to give impetus to research and development in the science and technology space," a top official said. He further added that the total outgo in the initial years for the incentives to the eligible companies would not be more than ₹100 crore a year. Gradually, the annual spends on the scheme will be increased.

The scheme will promote innovations in areas related to new technologies such as electric vehicles (EV), hydrogen, renewable energy, sustainable technologies, artificial intelligence (AI) based smart technologies involving machine learning, semiconductor designing and research, as per the official. According to the official, Niti Aayog had sent a proposal to the department of scientific and industrial research (DSIR) that such a roadmap be prepared to increase investment and R&D in the sector. The think tank wants improvement in India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index. Additionally, it is taking proactive measures to implement policy interventions that can harness India's inherent potential.

The official said that though the government provides tax incentives for investments in R&D, that has not been very helpful to boost innovation in this space. "There is a need for sustainable and green technologies in the future. Smart technologies will help in the efficient utilisation of energy," the official stated. He added that India needs to become better than China and other competitive economies.

Improvement in India's ranking

Niti Aayog wants improvement in India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index. It is taking measures to implement policy interventions that can harness India's inherent potential.

RJio gets $2.2 b fund from Swedish firm

PTI @ New Delhi

Telecom major Reliance Jio on Sunday said it has received $2.2 billion fund support from Swedish Export Credit agency to finance equipment for 5G roll-out.

The company has largely procured telecom gears from Swedish firm Ericsson and Finnish company Nokia to deploy its 5G network.

"RJIL tied up its first ever Swedish Export Credit Agency (EKN) supported facilities of $2.2 billion equivalent making it the largest cover ever provided by EKN for a deal to a private corporate globally. The proceeds of the facilities shall be utilised to finance the equipment and services in relation to RJIL's pan-India 5G roll-out," Reliance Industries said in its annual report.

Jio claims to have around 80% share in total 5G base stations rolled out across the country by March 2023.

RBI monetary policy meet, global cues to guide markets this week

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER a week of ups and downs in which the benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty- fell sharply on Wednesday and Thursday, and then recovered a bit on Friday, experts believe the volatility to continue in the Indian equity market. Among the key factors to watch for, participants will keenly be watching emerging global cues and RBI's upcoming policy meet, said experts.

In the week gone by, negative news about the US rating downgrade by Fitch and weak economic data from China triggered a sell-off in the Indian market after a four-month-long bull run. The sell-off was intensified by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) exiting the Indian market owing to a spike in US bond yields and the dollar index. NSDL data shows FPIs sold stocks worth ₹8,545 crore in the cash market in the last seven sessions while 10-year US bond yield has spiked above 4%, a near-term negative for capital flows to emerging markets. "If the US bond yields remain high, FPIs are likely to continue selling or at least refrain from buying. FPIs continued to buy autos, capital goods, and financials. A significant change in FPI's strategy is that they have started buying IT stocks, which they have been selling earlier. This explains the strength in IT stocks recently," said K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex fell by 438.95 points or 0.66%, and the Nifty dipped 129.05 points or 0.65%.

Siddhartha Khemka, Head – Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said that this week would be crucial from the domestic point of view as RBI is set to announce its interest rate decision. Thus, markets are likely to move in a broader range with some volatility. Interest-sensitive sectors are expected to remain in focus, he added. The outcome of the RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting will be announced on August 10, 2023 and the central bank is expected to maintain its policy rates unchanged at 6.5%.

Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst, Swastika Investmart, said that as we are heading towards the last batch of Q2 earnings of key companies such as Adani Ports, Coal India, Hero MotoCorp, Hindalco and ONGC, among others, which will lead to stock-specific movement. He added that on the macro front, market participants will be closely observing key events like industrial production and manufacturing production data, which will be released on August 11. DLF, Tata Chemicals, Tata Power, Zee Entertainment Enterprises, Grasim Industries and PSUs such as IRCTC will release their Q1 results this week.

In Memoriam

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Thangam Chidambaram

7th August 2019

MS. RENUKA CHIDAMBARAM IAS (RETD)
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Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45359630000317	1) Mr. Raghu R, 2) Mrs. Pushpa	23-03-2023 Rs.5,12,906.54 as on 18-03-2023	04-08-2023 12:00 P.M. Symbolic Possession

Description of Immoveable Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.61/P8, Katha No.23/61/P8. Situating at Agara Village, Agara Gram Panchayat, Kengeri Hobli, and Bangalore South Taluk Measuring East to West: 30 Ft. North to South: 40 Ft. Total Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. and **Bounded by: North by:** Property belongs to Mr. Rangappa, **South by:** Road, **East by:** Remaining Property of same No belongs to T Chikkathimmayya, **West by:** Property belongs to Ramakrishna

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Place: Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 07.08.2023	For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ACT 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 02.08.2023

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
1	**Sri Wazeer** All That piece and Parcel of Property bearing No.11/1, PID No.45-22-11/1, situated at 2nd Main,6th Cross, Valmikinagar, Ward No.45, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 32 Sq.Ft, North to South: 19 Sq.Ft. measuring in all 608 Sq.Ft along with constructed building consisting of Ground, First & Second Floors and bounded as East By: Property belonging to Sri.Mylarappa, West By: Property belonging to Sri.Mylarappa, North By: Property belonging to Sri.Nanda, South By: 5th Cross Road.	6,34,564/- + Int. thereon 02.08.2023
2	**Sri R.Ashwath** All That piece and Parcel of Property bearing No.364/1, BBMP Katha No.4, PID No.85-25-4, situated at 9th Cross, Byappanahalli Extension, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.85, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 46 Ft, North to South: 37 Ft. Measuring in all 1702 Sq.Ft. and bounded on East By: Road, West By: Property belonging to Sri.Venkatappa, North By: Private property & South By: Property belonging to Sri.B.N.Mohan.	51,65,512/- + Int. thereon 02.08.2023

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02.08.2023

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

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Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender(Rs.) / EMD Amount(Rs.)	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date and time for opening of tender
1	East-1	BWSSB/EE(East)-1/PB/1296/ 2023-24 Dated: 04.08.2023	Rs. 40,31,071/- Rs. 81,000/-	14.08.2023 upto 4:00 pm	16.08.2023 after 5:00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East)-1

Office of the Chief Engineer(West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

2	North-West-2	BWSSB/EENW-2/TO/PB/947/ 2023-24 Dated: 02.08.2023	Rs. 7,22,935/- Rs. 18,100/-	16.08.2023 upto 4:00 pm	17.08.2023 after 4:30 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North West)-2

Office of the Chief Engineer(North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

3	Central	BWSSB/EEC/PB/791/ 2023-24 Dated: 04.08.2023	Rs. 19,45,910/- Rs. 57,410/-	14.08.2023 upto 5:00 pm	16.08.2023 after 5:01 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Central)

Office of the Chief Engineer(South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

4	South-1	BWSSB/EES-1/AE/790/2023-24 Dated: 01.08.2023	Rs. 21,69,769/- Rs. 50,000/-	21.08.2023 upto 4:00 pm	23.08.2023 after 3:00 pm
5		BWSSB/EES-1/AE/791/2023-24 Dated: 01.08.2023	Rs. 6,62,056/- Rs. 16,600/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South)-1

Office of the Chief Engineer(WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

6	(WWM-N) K&T valley	BWSSB/EW(N)KT/PB/461/2023-24 Dated: 02.08.2023	Rs. 53.40 Lakhs Rs. 1.26 Lakhs	14.08.2023 upto 4:00 pm	16.08.2023 at 4:05 pm
7		BWSSB/EW(N)KT/PB/463/2023-24 Dated: 02.08.2023	Rs. 44.92 Lakhs Rs. 1.06 Lakhs		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N)K&T Valley

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1. Didiga : 61. **2. Kanuvanagatta :** 61,7,6,108,106,104,39. **3. Mukkikere:** 39,31,22,23,24,13, 20,15,14,12,11,10,170. **4. Kabbali:** 156,143,125,133,131,130,129,98,99,100,95,102,103,104, 110,108,109,111,112. **5. Dasarahalli:** 63. **6. Yachanagatta:**132, 131. **7. Duggenahalli:** 13, NA. **8. Santhshivara:** 278,253,254,199,197,198,200,217,228, 229,230,215,156,157,159,160, 184,160,161,162,182,162,141,140,135,136,137,133,134,48,297,296,48. **9. Hosahalli:** 17,15, 22,25,26,27. **10. Gungaramale:** 256,257,204. **11. Kallahalli:** 35,38,37, 42,43,76,78,54,53

Estimated Cost: Rs.83.3 Lakhs:

Work-2:- "Construction of 110kV SC line on DC towers using lynx conductor from 110 kV Gerumara sub-station to 110 kV Javagal sub-station for a distance of about 12 kms along with 110 kV TBs at both ends in Arasikere Taluk, Hassan district."

Salient features:- To Provide reliable and quality voltage supply and to meet the future load growth in and Gerumara sub-station to 110 kV Javagal sub station around areas.

Areas passing through Villages/Sy No's.:

1. Halekalyadi : 49, 74, 73. **2. Singatgere :** 45, 48, 47, 72, 71, 30, 29. **3. Hundiganahally:** 29,27,177,176,173,172,168,167,164, 165,163,161,162,160,159,191,190,189,184,182,185, 10,07, 23,22,33,34,35,01. **4. Nayakanakeri Kaval, Neelagiri Kaval:** 01. **5. Idahally Kaval :** 383,5,4. **6. Kodihally :** 175,173,172. **7. Marenahally :** 21,18,16,29,31,30,34,10,2,9,8,7,6,4

8. Hirehally : 8,7,9,12,37,36,48. **9. Bommagondanahally :** 65,64,63,70,71,72,20,27,26,38,37, 39,40,41,42,43. **10. Javagal :** 25,24,22,38, 62, 64,65,66,69,67, ,73,74,75

Estimated Cost: Rs.131.5 Lakshs:

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph authorities possess under part III of the Indian Telegraphic Act-1885 for implementation of the above said schemes. Any objection regarding the above schemes shall be sent to the Executive Engineer(Ele), Major works Division, KPTCL, Hassan within one month from the date of publication of notification.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 67 of the Electricity supply Act-2003 and the same is here with published in pursuance of section 67(2)(C) of the said Act for information of the licensee and any other persons interested.

Particulars of the scheme are as follows:

Work-3:- For Arranging power supply to an extent of 5MVA in favour of Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, South Western Railway Mysore for their Railway traction substation proposed at Honavalli road railway station in Hassan District from 110/11kV Belgumba substation on Total Turnkey basis in Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District including Supply of all matching Materials/Equipment and Erection(Including Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipment, Testing and Commissioning

1. Constructionof one number of **110kV Terminal Bay at existing 110kV** Belagumba Sub-station in Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District for proposed 110kV Line to proposed Railway Tractions Sub-station at Honnavalli Road. **2.** Construction of **110kV SC line on DC Towers with Lynx ACSR** conductor from existing 110kV Belagumba Sub-station to AP-15 Cable Termination Tower for a distance of 4.422kms. 3. Running of **110kV 400 Sq mm XLPE UG Cable SC Line** (1 Run per phase & 1 Run as spare) for a route length of 0.536km from AP-15 tower Cable Termination Tower to proposed Railway Traction Sub-station at Honnavalli Road Railway station. 2. Salient features: A Govt India under taking agency: M/s South Western Railway, Mysore is constructing 110/25kV railway traction substation at Belagumba in Arsikere Taluk Hasaan District from the public interest for the work of arranging power supply to 110kV switching station and for 11kV LILO line will be taken up under Deposit contribution work on by Construction of 110kV SC line on DC Towers with Lynx ACSR conductor. M/sSouth Western Railway, Mysore co-ordinate with KPTCL to solving ROW issues occurs.The whole project being built in the national interest. 3. Areas passing through Villages/Sy No's.: The Construction of 110kV SC line on DC Towers with Lynx ACSR conductor from existing 110kV Belagumba Sub-station to AP-15 Cable Termination Tower for a distance of 4.422kms the line passes 22 mtrs line corridor.

Sl. No.	District	Taluk	Villages	Sy No
1.	Hassan	Arsikere	RangapuraKaval	01
2.	Hassan	Arsikere	Hunasinakatte	10,7,8,45,114,115,116,117,130,131,132,133,150
3.	Hassan	Arsikere	Mailanahalli	59,64,65,66,71,72,117,118,119,120,121
4.	Tumkur	Tiptur	Karekere	212, 213,214,215,222,249,250
5.	Tumkur	Tiptur	Konehalli	14,15,35,36
6.	Tumkur	Tiptur	Bidregudukaval	1,2

4. Approximate cost of the 110kV SC line and 110/25kV Sub-Station is Rs.108.5 Lakhs.

The corporation shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph Authorities possess KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph authorities possess under part III of the Indian Telegraphic Act-1885 for carrying out the above scheme.

Objections to the discrepancies to the above scheme, if any should be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer (Ele.), MWD, KPTCL, Hassan and Copy to the office of the under signed with in 30 days from the date of publication of this notification for consideration of corporation Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification 2nd floor, KSR Bangalore, City Station Building Bangalore-560023.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(Ele.,) MWD, 1st Floor, Prasrana Bhavan, Santhepete, B.M Road, KPTCL, Hassan

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Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh in fourth round of WC

India's **D Gukesh** advanced to the next round of the FIDE World Cup with a win with white pieces over compatriot SL Narayanan on Sunday. R Praggnanandhaa also joined Gukesh in the fourth round. Some of the other winners on Sunday include former world champ Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura. The fifth round begins on Tuesday.

India turn on the heat, blank Malaysia

Local lad Karthi sets the tone as the Men In Blue post 5-0 win, move to top of the table in ongoing Asian CT hockey

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THE city's second Summer showed no signs of abating on Sunday. While the sea breeze belatedly set in after 6.00 PM, temperatures hovered around the 37-38 deg C mark for much of the afternoon. But that didn't stop the fans from flocking to the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium for the first time this week. All the three stands were filled to capacity and were in good noise for all three games (chants of 'Pakistan zindabad' was just one of the many heard on the day).

That noise reached a crescendo when S Karthi, Tamil Nadu born and bred, scored the first goal against Malaysia. It was the sort of striker's finish that coach Craig Fulton had challenged him to finish a day before the tournament began.

Harmanpreet Singh, playing right back, hit a hopeful diagonal from inside his own half. The speculative pass turned into a great ball as it found Karthi who was stationed just off centre on the left hand.

He took one touch to settle the ball before launching a fierce drive past Malaysia keeper Hafizuddin Othman. The goal couldn't have come at a better time; at the end of a very cagey first quarter where shots on goal was at a premium for both sides. The hosts did have the one gilt-edged chance of the first quarter but Sukhjeet Singh shanked his close-range effort wide.

Action from the match between India and Malaysia on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

The goal, though, seemingly gave the Men In Blue the lift they needed. They were quick off the blocks in the second stanza and it showed. Their passing was crisper, the movement had more purpose and they were buzzing like bees. While it was a goalless second quarter, you could clearly see that India, who begun the match in third place behind South Korea and Malaysia, were in the ascendancy.

They were having more of the ball, had more circle penetrations, more penalty corners and more shots on target. That technical superiority told as they doubled their lead two minutes into the third stanza; Hardik Singh converting from close range after the visitors failed to clear a penalty corner.

Coming into the match, penalty corner conversion — or the lack thereof — was the raging debate. In the last match against Japan, India's dead-ball specialists had managed to sound the board once in 15 attempts. In this context, it was a much better night from the top of the D as Harmanpreet Singh, who had one of his best matches in recent times, stepped up to sound the board from India's sixth penalty corner. What, though, would have pleased Fulton the most is the way his charges kept the visitors at bay. They were always in control of the situation and it told. Apart from the one solitary penalty corner, they had no clear-cut chances and were reduced to taking hurried efforts with no conviction.

If anything, as the match wore on, India slowly sucked the life out of the Malaysians who were made to look very pedestrian. The table-toppers coming into the match would have happily thrown in the towel before the final hooter. There was still a time for two more goals. After a Mandeep Singh shot from outside the box was cleverly diverted goalwards by Gurjant Singh, Jugraj Singh, for the well deserved icing on a patisserie cake, completed the scoring from the team's 10th dead-ball.

In the context of upcoming challenges — the Asian Games in less than 50 days time — this win may not mean much but it would have given some invaluable inputs about the full-strength Malaysian outfit, one of their biggest rivals at the Asian level.

Sunday's results: China **1-1** South Korea, Pakistan **3-3** Japan, India **5-0** Malaysia.
Monday's matches: Japan vs Malaysia, Pakistan vs China, India vs South Korea. **Live on Star Sports Network & FanCode**

PCB gets govt green light for ODI World Cup

GOMESH S @Chennai

THE Pakistan government has provided the clearance the country's cricket body has been waiting for to travel for the upcoming 2023 ICC Men's ODI World Cup in India. The Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Sunday that the government has decided to send the team to take part in the global event. "Pakistan has consistently maintained that sports should not be mixed with politics. It has, therefore, decided to send its Cricket Team to India to participate in the upcoming ICC Cricket World Cup 2023," read the statement.

The ministry's statement said that the state of bilateral relations with India should not stand in the way of fulfilling international sports-related obligations before adding that unlike the India's decision to travel to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, they have taken a "constructive and responsible approach". The Asia Cup was initially supposed to be held in Pakistan entirely but it was later agreed that a hybrid model will be followed with Sri Lanka co-hosting the event. India will play all their matches in Sri Lanka starting from September 2 against Pakistan in Kandy.

The ministry's statement did express serious security concerns for the team, that will be led by Babar Azam, during their time in India for the World Cup. As reported by this daily, the board had been awaiting the government's decision on travelling to India even as the BCCI and ICC released the schedule on June 27. The Pakistan government, while agreeing to send the team, said that they have written to the ICC and Indian authorities expressing their concerns. "We expect that full safety and security of Pakistan Cricket Team will be ensured during its visit to India," the statement read.

At this point, it is worth noting that as many as three matches, including the India-Pakistan one that is originally scheduled to be played in Ahmedabad on October 15 could be preponed. Initially, the Ahmedabad police had expressed security concerns over playing the India-Pakistan match on the first day of Navratri, later the Kolkata police seem to have communicated similar concerns for the Pakistan-England clash on the day of Kali Puja (November 12). To accommodate them, the Pakistan clash against Sri Lanka too might have to be moved from October 12 to 10. Whether the ICC and Pakistan will agree to all the changes is yet to be seen. The tournament, supposed to begin on October 5 (less than 60 days to go), do not have a final schedule as of this moment.

'Calmness' behind Aditi's golden show

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

At the SAI regional centre in Sonepat, where archer Aditi Swami practices her craft, there is a portrait of Khashaba, aka KD Jadhav. "We visited the centre during Aditi's trials recently. Not many people knew who the man was from the portrait. She told them he was Khashaba Jadhav. He won India the first medal in the Olympics. I am from the same district as him. Satara," Gopichand Swami, Aditi's father said proudly. Coming from a place that prides itself on giving independent India its first medal, it's unsurprising that the 17-year-old archer became the first Indian to bag a gold medal at the World Archery Championships.

Coming from a family where his father and grandfather were involved in wrestling, Gopichand always wanted his daughter to pick a sport. And he was more than happy when his daughter chose archery at the age of 11. "When she started in 5th standard, the bow and Aditi were of the same height (laughs). But her patience and persistence were unbelievable from the day she started. Looking at her determination, her coach gave me his word that she will win nationals one day. At that time, I hadn't even seen the district-level medal, but I believed in his words," Gopichand reminisced, a day after Aditi achieved the aforementioned feat.

Aditi's first coach, Pravin Sawant, a ward boy turned police officer, will tell you that determination and calmness are what stuck with him the most. "When I saw her for the first time, I was not sure if she would be able to pull it off, but she proved all my doubts wrong. From the day she started, she has been very calm. As you saw she was calm in her celebrations as well after winning the medal," Sawant assessed.

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> — Pravin Sawant, coach

That calmness was visible during the semifinal of the team event on Friday, when strong winds threatened to blow away India's chances in Berlin. "The match was literally against the wind," Aditi later told World Archery. Sawant had prepared the young gun for that as well. "When it comes to practice for the windy conditions, we have a facility near Sajjangad. The other academy from there, Dnyaneshwari Institute, helps us out with this kind of practice. Because Sajjangad is near Kas Plateau that gives us a lot of variation of winds. We have organised many camps there, just so our students can get accommodated with those conditions," Sawant added.

The semifinal success helped India get closer to the gold medal. The next day, the team of Aditi, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, and Parneet Kaur created history with the first-ever gold medal. Aditi's family was in the seventh heaven in Satara, especially her younger brother, Aditya. "He has also picked up archery, so he knows the nooks and crannies of the game. We were delighted when she won, but he was the happiest one for his didi and kept explaining the details. Only athletes can understand what other athlete goes through, I guess," Gopichand said. Along with her brother, Gopichand credits Aditi's mother, Shaila Swami, as the backbone of the youngster's journey so far. Gramsevika or the secretary of gram panchayat by profession in a village near Satara, she is the one who deserves a lot of credit, thinks Gopichand. "We are both working parents. My wife has looked after all of Aditi's needs, while also taking care of her job. She has reached this level because of her mother's hard work as well."

Even her college, Lal Bahadur Shastri College, has stood behind Aditi, who is a student of the science stream.

A district that prides itself on many achievements sporting and otherwise, once had one of the worst female foeticide rates in the state of Maharashtra. So much so that the government had to intervene to reduce the number of Nakushi (unwanted girl child). This was around the time when Gopichand, his family, and Pravin decided to stand behind a young girl to take up a demanding sport like archery.

Tilak Varma hit 51 against the West Indies in Guyana on Sunday | AFP

Tilak shines but WI take 2-0 lead

GUYANA: Negotiating disciplined bowlers, Tilak Varma produced a well-calculated half-century, his first in T20Is, to take India to 152 for seven against West Indies in the second match on Sunday. Varma continued his good run in the shortest format to score 51 off 41 balls, becoming the youngest Indian men's player to score a fifty in T20 Internationals. However, it wasn't enough as West Indies chased down the target in 18.5 overs.

BRIEF SCORES: **India** 152/7 in 20 ovs (Varma 51) lost to **WI** 155/8 in 18.5 ovs (Pooran 67).

EXPRESS READ

Durand Cup: Delhi FC hold Hyderabad FC

GUWAHATI: Newly-promoted I'League side Delhi FC held last year's semi-finalists Hyderabad FC to a 1-1 draw in a Group E fixture of the Durand Cup here on Sunday. Himanshu Jangra scored for Delhi FC in the sixth minute, while Ramhlunchhunga equalized for Hyderabad FC.

Chennaiyin FC rope in midfielder Ayush

CHENNAI: Chennaiyin FC announced signing central midfielder Ayush Adhikari ahead of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24 season. Adhikari has thus become the 11th player to join Chennaiyin FC ahead of the start of this season, the club said.

Prannoy goes down fighting in Oz Open final

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

INDIAN shuttler HS Prannoy threw the kitchen sink on Sunday in a bid to capture his second title of the season. Employing his trademark smashes and some mind-bending returns, he was within sight of the finish line against China's Weng Hong Yang in a thrilling men's singles final of the Australian Open — a BWF World Tour Super 500 event — in Sydney. However, despite his monumental effort, the World No 9 still finished second-based against the unseeded Chinese in a contest that lasted 90 minutes.

After a tame effort in the opening game, which was a one-sided affair, Prannoy found joy in the second essay. Sharpness was visible in his play as he landed some solid smashes to counter his tricky opponent. In the end, the second game proved to be a see-saw battle but it was Prannoy who retained his calm to take the contest to the decider.

HS Prannoy (C) with coaches Pullela Gopichand (L) & Guru Sai Dutt | PTI

The Indian was clearly on the ascendancy after pocketing the first game and had a handy lead going into the mid-game break. The shuttler from Kerala seemed composed and managed to land some solid winners on both sides of the court. Trailing 14-19, the left-handed Weng refused to yield and reeled off five consecutive points. The duo was involved in a 71-shot rally during the said phase with Weng defending with all his might. It was Prannoy's laboured attempted drop shot that brought an end to that epic rally. Both players, understandably sapped, slumped to the ground after that long exchange. Soon the equation was level at 19-19. However, it was Prannoy who had the chance to seal the match after going 20-19 ahead. But Weng pulled off yet another rescue act before going on to clinch the match himself.

Despite missing out on the title, this is yet another goliath effort by Prannoy, who has been the one of the best shuttlers (singles) from the country in recent times. Before the final, Prannoy had beaten No 1 seed Anthony Ginting of Indonesia in the quarterfinals before ending Priyanshu Rajawat's impressive run in the semifinals.

Earlier in May, he had come out on top against Weng to pocket his first Super 500 title (Malaysia Masters). Following that impressive performance, he had reached the semifinals of the Indonesia Open, which comprised a strong field, before losing against World No 1 Viktor Axelsen.

USA lose to Sweden on penalty kicks

AGENCIES @Melbourne

LINA Hurtig's converted her penalty and Sweden knocked the United States out of the World Cup 5-4 on penalties after a scoreless draw at the Women's World Cup. U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher fruitlessly argued she had saved Hurtig's attempt, but it was ruled over the line. The stadium played Abba's "Dancing Queen" in the stadium as the Swedes celebrated. The United States, which have a record four World Cup titles overall and were trying to win an unprecedented third consecutive title, were eliminated in the Round of 16 for the first time in team history. The Americans' worst finish had been third place, three times. "I am proud of the women on the field," said U.S. coach Vlatko Andonovski. "I know we were criticized for the way we played, and for different moments in the group stage. I think we came out today and showed the grit, the resilience, the fight. The bravery showed we did everything we could to win the game. And, unfortunately, football can be cruel sometimes."

Sweden's team celebrate after defeating the United States in a penalty shootout in their Women's World Cup Round of 16 football match in Melbourne on Sunday | AP

RESULTS: Sweden 0(5)-0(4) United States; Netherlands 2-0 South Africa

Today's matches

England vs Nigeria, 1 PM; Australia vs Denmark, 4 PM

Live on DD Sports and FanCode

It was the first match at this World Cup to go to extra time. Two-time World Cup participant Julie Ertz was in tears after the match. "We didn't put anything in the back of the net," she sobbed.

"The penalties was tough as well. It's just emotional because it's probably my last game ever. It's just tough. It's an emotional time. It obviously sucks. Penalties are the worst."

Asiad probable judoka Jasleen fails dope test

AGENCIES @New Delhi

JUDOKA Jasleen Singh Saini, an Asian Games probable, has returned positive for a banned drug in an in-competition test conducted last month during Taipei Open where he had won gold, according to a report. 25-year-old Saini had won a gold medal in men's 66kg category in the Taipei Asia Open early last month.

"Yes, he had failed a dope test conducted by an international agency during the Taipei Open. So, he will not be in the Asian Games team," a team coach, who has knowledge of the development, told a news agency. The International Testing Agency (ITA) conducts testing and result management for International Judo Federation. Saini was named in the list of probables for the Hangzhou Asian Games.

The Judo Federation of India had conducted a selection trial in Delhi in April but the final team is not yet known. He became the fifth judoka to fail dope test in two months. Four judokas — Harshdeep Brar (81kg), Gulab Ali Mohsin (60kg), Rahul Sevta (81kg) and Akshay (66kg) — last month failed out-of-competition tests conducted by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) during the national camp in Bhopal and selection trials in Delhi.

Delight for Arteta's boys

AGENCIES @London

ARSENAL won the Community Shield to end Manchester City's silverware streak with a 4-1 penalty shoot-out victory after a 1-1 draw against the treble winners on Sunday.

Mikel Arteta's side forced the shoot-out thanks to Leandro Trossard's heavily deflected equaliser 11 minutes into stoppage time at Wembley. Cole Palmer had given City the lead late in the second half, but Kevin De Bruyne and Rodri missed their penalties before Fabio Vieira converted the decisive kick in the annual curtain-raiser to the Premier League season. **Result:** Arsenal 1 (Trossard 90+11') Manchester City 1 (Palmer 77'). *Arsenal won 4-1 on penalties*

Jammu & Kashmir

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DAY'S DIARY

A new 'Twilight'

Eclipse, the third book in Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight Saga* was published by Little Brown on this day in 2007. The initial print ran one million copies

THE PLOT

The book delves deeper into the complexities of Bella Swan's life as she navigates her love for Edward Cullen, a vampire, and her friendship with Jacob Black, a werewolf

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

An American author, Meyer received a National Merit Scholarship and attended Brigham Young University for graduation

RECOGNITION

The first book was released in 2005 and it won accolades from *The New York Times*. The series was made into movies from 2008

Check out the events happening this week
PG 2

'YOU CAN'T WRITE POETRY WITH DISHONESTY'

Acclaimed writer and poet Javed Akhtar, who was in the city for the Bengaluru Poetry Festival, speaks about going back to scriptwriting after 17 years, his life as a writer and fighting the battle between honest expression and hate online

TUNIR BISWAS

"In a free society, you should be allowed to offend people to some extent," remarked notable screenwriter, lyricist and poet **Javed Akhtar** to the audience at the Bengaluru Poetry Festival on Sunday. Akhtar engaged in a session with Delhi-based writer Humra Quraishi, where they discussed Akhtar's early influences and *Jadunama* (the book on him), among other things.

Akhtar has been working on a couple of scripts, and his return to scriptwriting is huge as he is one of the most celebrated screenwriters of Hindi cinema, especially his notable partnership with Salim Khan. But Indian cinema wears a new robe now, having gone through multiple changes. So, how did he brave this challenge?

"Fortunately, I have changed with the times as well," quips Akhtar. "The problem comes when cinema is changing, and you are not. Or when life is changing but you are not. In those cases, you get left behind. If you are evolving with time, then you are contemporary at any time," he shares. Akhtar last worked on *Don: The Chase Begins Again* (2006), which he co-wrote with his son, director-actor Farhan Akhtar. Incidentally, he also wrote the script for the original *Don* (1978) as part of his iconic partnership with Khan.

Akhtar also mentioned in his session that 'being a dialogue writer or lyric writer also means being a latent actor'. He elaborates, "When you're writing a play, for example, you can't do justice to it if your mind is not feeling the same emotions. You need to put yourself in the point of view of your characters. You are playing various roles when writing the story."

Jadunama, the book on Akhtar's life gets its name from Jadoo (magic), which was originally the poet extraordinaire's name until his family changed it to Javed. He believes that coming from a family of writers and poets, a career in the written arts was a natural choice. "All my teachers actually thought I would make a good lawyer. But to pursue a career in writing is what felt natural to me," says the 78-year-old.

Akhtar believes 'you can't write poetry with dishonesty'. In the current times, one can make a case that owing to the political climate, expressing one's honest feelings could land one in deep trouble. So, how does a writer or a poet navigate through these touchy times? "I get trolled often. Thrice in my life, the Mumbai police has given me protection. This is all part of the game. I get hate mail, but I have developed skin thick enough for these things to not bother me. One thing I would say is that both Muslims and Hindus troll me. I like that. I am okay as long as both the groups are trolling me. The day it becomes only one of them is when I will get worried," he says with a laugh.

While passing, Akhtar shares his long love affair with Bengaluru. "I have visited this city quite often. But some of my fondest memories of this city were when we were making *Sholay* (1975)," he concludes.

PICS: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BARDIC GABFEST

Another year, another edition of the Bengaluru Poetry Festival (BPF). While hosting the event at a new venue, Grand Mercure Bengaluru at Gopalan Mall on Old Madras Road led to a bit of a downturn in footfall – the event in its seventh year, nonetheless, – did generate some buzz. "We got to see poetry transform into other art forms, which we were looking forward to. We have had a footfall of about 3,000 people," says Subodh Shankar, one of the organisers of BPF. Syam Sudhakar, a bilingual poet hailing from Kerala and a speaker who had sessions on both days, says, "This was my first time attending this festival. Recently, such festivals have started giving room for regional poetry, so that was great because we could hear the real howl of India."

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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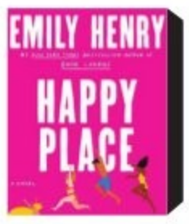


Happy Place
by Emily Henry

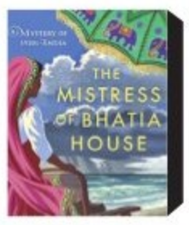
Harriet and Wyn, recent ex fiancés are poles apart but still manage to fall in love. Both members of a common group now face struggles telling the members about their breakup during an annual weeklong vacation.

The Whispers
by Ashley Audrain

A mystery thriller set in the course of one week stating the troubles of four different families across the neighbourhood after an unfortunate event at the Loverlys'. A heart-wrenching drama novel that explores various aspects of friendships, motherhood and deep life decisions.

Spinning Silver
by Naomi Novik

The protagonist of the novel Miryem is the daughter of a struggling moneylender. When she takes over her father's business, she becomes exceptionally skilled at turning silver into gold. She attracts negative attention and now must navigate a dangerous, otherworldly realm to protect her family.



The Mistress of Bhatia House
by Sujata Massey

Parveen Mistry, the only female solicitor in Bombay takes up the case of Sunanda- an ayah who puts herself in trouble after a terrible accident. The book slowly unfurls the journey of these two women and the issues of sexism, complex family dynamics and class divisions.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

All-things silk

Ahead of the upcoming festive season, visit the third edition of Indian Silk Gallery Expo featuring over 60 stalls, each showcasing silk clothing with rich textures and attractive designs. The expo is also a platform for natural fibre lovers to shop for their choice of all natural fibre products under one roof. **WHEN:** Aug 7, 11am onwards **WHERE:** White Petals, Basaveshwara HBCS Layout **CONTACT:** 93424 83454

Delicious Flavours

Visit this food pop-up that blends the food traditions of Kashmir, Oudh and Hyderabad to savour dishes like dahi kebabs, mirchi ka halwa and many more curated by chef Mujeeb-ur-Rehman and other culinary experts. **WHEN:** Aug, 12.30pm onwards **WHERE:** MoMo Cafe, Courtyard by Marriott, Outer Ring Road **CONTACT:** 96868 61135

The essence of agave

Enjoy eight artisanal, limited-edition Tequila cocktails, each crafted to showcase the liquor's extraordinary flavours. **WHEN:** Until Aug 18, 12pm onwards **WHERE:** Roxie, Haralur Main Rd **CONTACT:** 74062 75551

Film Screening

This week, watch *Writing with Fire*, India's first feature-length documentary to be nominated for the Oscars, which will be followed by an engaging conversation between the filmmakers and national award-winning filmmaker Sandhya Kumar. **WHEN:** Aug 10, 6.30pm **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Break a leg

Let your kids have a delightful evening, learning new forms of hip hop dancing at this playful session. Hosted by dedicated instructors, the session is sure to liven up your child's mood and help them make new friends. **WHEN:** Aug 7, 5pm **WHERE:** LVDS, Vasanth Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Immersive artworks

Explore the masterful artworks of Vincent Van Gogh at this one- of-a-kind museum experience that blends work of technology and art. **WHEN:** August 8, 4.30pm onwards **WHERE:** Bhartiya Mall Of Bengaluru, Thanisandra **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Laughter Time

Enjoy a hilarious evening filled with funny and relatable jokes on dating and relationships, at tragi, a comedy solo show by Supriya Joshi. **WHEN:** August 7, 8pm **WHERE:** Drunkling Comedy Club, Koramangala **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

MOVEMENTS WITH GRACE

Odissi dancers of Nrityantar Academy of Performing Arts perform Adi Ashtakam at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

MANGO STICKY RICE

INGREDIENTS

- **Water:** 1.5 cups
- **Coconut mylk:** 1 cup
- **Salt:** 1/4 tsp
- **Sugar:** 4 to 5 tbsp
- **Ripe mangoes:** 1 to 2, cut into cubes
- **Thai sweet rice (aka sticky rice):** 1 cup

METHOD

- Soak the rice in 1 cup of water in a pot for 20 to 30 minutes. Do not drain the rice.
- Add 1/2 cup water more, along with 1/2 cup of coconut mylk, salt, and 1 tablespoon of sugar. Stir well. Gently boil and partially cover with a lid.
- Simmer for about 30 minutes, or until the water has been absorbed by the rice. Turn off the heat but leave the pot on the burner with the lid on tight. Allow it to sit for 5-10 minutes.
- To make the sauce, warm the remaining coconut mylk for about 5 minutes. Add 3 tablespoons of sugar.
- Scoop some warm rice into each serving bowl, then drizzle sweet coconut sauce over the top. Arrange mango slices on the rice and also drizzle sauce.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PRAPADA ARDHA UTTANASANA
(TIP TOE HALF INTENSE STRETCH POSE)

This is also known as Tip Toe Half Forward Bend as it is a standing forward fold that relaxes and restores the body and mind. Like many forward bends, it restores and rejuvenates the body. It has a wide range of therapeutic benefits.

STEPS

- Start by coming into a standing Tadasana (Mountain Pose). Your feet should remain hip-width apart, aligned to each other.
- Stretch your arms upwards and look at your thumb tip. Exhale and bend forward from the lower back.
- Come into tabletop pose. Back will be slightly lower than hip-level and palms on the ground.
- Slowly lift your torso up to a point as per convenience, pressing your palms on the floor.
- Inhale, raise your heels and ensure you are on tip-toe.
- Hands should be shoulder-distance apart and straight, pressing the floor. Look at the floor. This is the final pose.
- Maintain the position as long as it is comfortable by breathing normally without any restrictions.
- To come out of the pose, exhale, lower your heels and then come back to the standing position of Tadasana to relax the body.

BENEFITS

- It helps to strengthen the core muscles.
- Regular practise strengthens the hamstring along with flexibility.
- Helps in strengthening the entire lower back and toes.
- It provides the necessary support to the spine and torso.
- It also manages the inducing factors like diabetes, stress, etc., that further adds on to lowering hypertension issues.
- It helps to improve the blood circulation throughout the body, which makes the lungs more efficiently.
- It helps with chronic respiratory diseases.
- It also stimulates Anahata (heart), Mooladhara (root), and Manipura (solar plexus) chakras, which can be activated if practised with right breathing techniques.

LIMITATIONS

Women during their later stages of pregnancy and menstruation, should avoid this.

Practitioners with lower back and neck conditions, refrain from this asana.

People with acidity, avoid doing this.

People who have undergone recent abdominal surgery must avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

TRIAL PERIOD (Hindi)

A young boy asks his single mother to order a father on a 30 day trial period. The family ends up getting a man to pretend as the father, as the movie progresses the boy and the father are trying to figure out a way for him to stay forever.

Cast: Genelia Deshmukh, Gajraj Rao, Shakti Kapoor

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

HOSTEL DAYS (Telugu, series)

Set in an engineering college hostel, the story follows six students through their struggles with love, identity, friendship, academics and life.

Cast: Anindya Sengupta, Roshni Bhattacharya, Arpan Ghoshal

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

UNAAD
(Marathi)

A story of three boys from coastal Maharashtra who have to face the consequences of their actions as their plan to take revenge backfires.

Cast: Ashutosh Gaikwad, Abhishek Bharate, Chinmay Jadhav

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

MAURH (Punjabi)

Set in pre-partition Punjab, this movie is based on the lives of Jeona and Krishna Maurh who had risen against the British and the zamindars. A tale of valour, revenge and betrayal.

Cast: Ammy Virk, Dev Kharoud, Vikramjeet Virk

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

KARUNGAAPIYUM (Tamil)

A comedic horror thriller that tells the story of how people's lives are pre-written in the past. The protagonist is kicked out of her village by pelting stones at her head. She later passes away and turns into a ghost.

Cast: Kajal Aggarwal, Regina Cassandra, Raiza Wilson

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

IB71 (Hindi)

A spy thriller based on the 1971 Indian Airlines hijacking. When India finds out about Pakistan and China's attack within 10 days, they plan a staged hijack of an Indian plane which they execute only for it to backfire.

Cast: Vidyut Jammwal, Niharica Raizada, Anupam Kher

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

NEELAVELICHAM (Malayalam)

The movie follows a young writer who comes to stay in a mansion that is said to be haunted. It is rumored that a woman died by suicide in that mansion after she was betrayed by her lover.

Cast: Roshan Mathew, Tovino Thomas, Rima Kallingal

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

SHADOW AND BONE (English, series)

A young orphan discovers she has magical powers that could change her destiny forever. She becomes a target for the curious and greedy as she tries to save her homeland.

Cast: Ben Barnes, Jessie Mei Li, Amita Suman

- **Watch on:** Netflix

JUSTIFIED: CITY PRIMEVAL (English)

A crime drama that dabbles with corruption and moral ambiguity. A detective gets caught up in a web of lies and he must work hard to uncover the truth and bring justice to light.

Cast: Vivian Olyphant, Timothy Olyphant, Boyd Holbrook

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

SURVIVAL OF THE THICKEST
(English, series)

Follows the life of a strong-willed, plus-sized woman as she tries to rebuild her life as a struggling stylist after a tough breakup.

Cast: Michelle Buteau, Tone Bell, Tasha Smith

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SPECIAL OPS: LIONESS (English)

A skilled and fearless female operative navigating through missions and operations to protect her country from threats. She fights both external and internal conflicts while making tough decisions.

Cast: Nicole Kidman, Zoe Saldana, Morgan Freeman

- **Watch on:** JioCinema

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
aha:	₹699/year
Disney+Hotstar:	₹899/year
JioCinema:	₹999/year
Mubi:	₹299/month
ZEE5:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

A group of women coming together to hold exhibitions, two famous artists expressing their admiration for each other in paintings, creating an inclusive world in art — post Friendship Day on Sunday, here are six stories of bonds forged on colourful canvases

JITHA KARTHIKEYAN

WHEN GOOD FRIENDS MAKE GREAT ART

MUCH has been said about friendship that sometimes one wonders if there is anything left to be said at all. We've all read a million quotes and hummed along for countless tunes about the greatness of friendship. In spite of it all, friendship is a feeling that sometimes cannot be contained within any vocabulary or musical chords. It simply must be lived and experienced. There barely would exist a soul on this planet who has never experienced the beauty of a friendship. Even the coldest, most detached among us will surely have that one pillar of support to lean on and save us from the darkest rain drenched day.

Art is a solitary practice, no doubt — one which does not come with office colleagues to share a joke with or a business partner to shoulder your stress together with. The artist and the studio are primarily lonely spaces. Creativity needs that isolation perhaps; to think and create. And yet, some of the best masterpieces in the world were born out of friendships in the world of art.

Following Friendship Day on Sunday, here's a look at some of them that stand as testimony to the undying power of friendships.

HUSAIN & SOUZA

Most of us who know something about art must have certainly heard of MF Husain in some context or the other — either about his paintings of galloping horses that refuse to be reined in or the controversies that plagued his later years and drove him out of the country in self exile. But not many know of his endearing friendship with fellow artist, FN Souza.

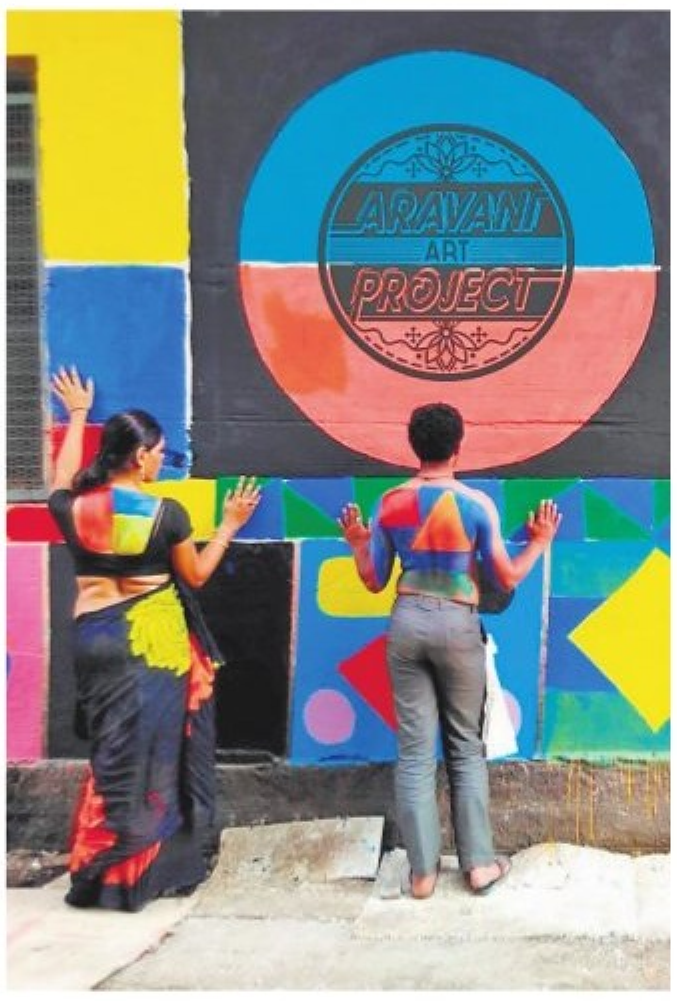
When the Bombay Art Society, founded in 1888 to promote art, lacked in its criteria with regard to the selection of artists, Francis Newton Souza initiated the idea of starting a platform where artists could voice their opinions and grievances and thus was born the Progressive Artists' Group in 1947. It was Souza who invited Husain to join this movement. "I discovered Husain. He was painting billboards in Bombay", he is known to have often stated. Both Husain and Souza came from humble backgrounds, had lost one of their parents at a very early age and knew the pangs of middle class living. Both were exceptionally talented and when they met at the JJ School of Art, it was only natural that a beautiful friendship bloomed. They had much in common — traits of rebelliousness and a desire to decolonise their art by moving away from the styles that were taught at the academy. Souza often called Husain his "best friend". They supported each other, inspired one another and even travelled together. Their portraits of each other still remain to tell the stories of their friendship, with Souza painting Husain's portrait in 1948 and the latter reciprocating by making a painting of Souza in 1950.

A MOVEMENT FOUNDED ON FELLOWSHIP

When KCS Paniker envisioned an artists' village where artists could live and work together, it was not his solitary dream. It was visualised as a community where friendship between artists living in close proximity would pave the way for revolutionary ways of thinking. One of the biggest artist collectives that was largely self-sufficient, the Cholamandal Artists Village is located in Chennai and strived to promote an exchange of ideas whilst living in harmony. It began with thirty artists and sculptors who yearned to break away and reestablish their cultural identities in the security of friendship. Spread over 10 acres, the village included the homes and studios of artists who sustained themselves initially by producing handicrafts along with their art practice. It was decided that all their earnings would be pooled into a collective fund that could be used for their sustenance. The village is still a major tourist attraction even though the original form of Cholamandal as a commune has ceased to exist and it will always remain as one of the most remarkable embodiments of what artists and friendships can do to change cultural landscapes.

WOMEN, ART AND COMPANIONSHIP

Though the Progressives had made it to the pages of Indian art history by challenging the way Indian art was perceived and executed, this group of male artists was not the sole harbingers of change. The Four Women Artists can be credited to be the first group of all-women artists, who came together to use the fire of their female friendship to create a conducive environment for women in art. Nilima Sheikh, Arpita Singh, Nalini Malani and Madhvi Parekh travelled in trains, carrying their paintings with them to exhibitions and held four exhibitions together. Although these artists have gone forth to build their respective careers and are important names to reckon with in the art world today, their support to each other in the early years certainly says a lot about how important it is to come together, especially as women to make things possible through solidarity.



BEYOND GENDER STEREOTYPES

Friendship knows no boundaries or gender. The Aravani Art Project celebrates these bonds by creating safe spaces for the trans community through art. The trans and cis women artists in this collective that was founded by Bengaluru-based artist Poornima Sukumar have been transforming the streets by creating spectacular murals on public walls. How does someone who does not fit into the norms of society fight the stigma and the inequality? Unity in friendship is the key. Thanks to this project, trans women who have never been able to own public spaces but rather have been subjected to ridicule and driven out, are now able to reclaim these spaces with dignity and allow their art to speak their anguish. With their vibrant and eye-catching artworks, these trans women who are one in spirit have made extraordinary progress in broadening narrow mindsets. They were also invited to create a 50-ft-long mural at the India Art Fair recently which was very well received.

BONDS THAT DEFY AGE

Most of the friendships we know of are predictable as it is a well known fact that like-minded people strike a bond. And to be on the same mental plane, a lot of factors like age and circumstances do matter. That is why the friendship between American artist Norman Rockwell and Grandma Moses in the late 1940's reads like a charming fairy tale.

Rockwell was an artist known for his paintings that reflected aspects of American life. His works range from civil rights to the daily life of an average American in the 1940s and '50s. Grandma Moses, on the other hand, began painting at the unlikely age of 78, and went on to gain immense popularity in the 1950s, even being featured on the cover of the *Time* magazine in 1953. When Rockwell had enough of the fast paced life of the city, he decided to leave New York and move to his countryside dwelling in Arlington, Vermont in 1938. And the story goes that Grandma Moses happened to live on a farm close by and when the two met, though decades apart in age, they discovered that their interests and the subjects they addressed through their art practice had a lot of common ground. The simplicity of the everyday life of an average American household found its way into both their canvases. They soon struck up a friendship that was almost like family and found themselves spending a lot of time together. Rockwell even included his beloved Grandma Moses in one of his paintings. Their bond is a fine example that age has absolutely no significance in a friendship.

Friendships in art are very often not taken seriously and merely treated as professional collaborations. But, these intense and intricate friendships have founded movements, revolutions and propelled art practices. May good friends and great art always challenge and transform the world into a beautiful place!

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AKSHAY A SHETTY** (new name), residing at 15/1-A, 21st Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, K P Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560023 has changed my name from **AKSHAYA A SHETTY** (Old Name) to **AKSHAY A SHETTY** (New name) vide affidavit dated **04.08.2023** sworn before advocate & notary K. C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KAKOLI KHAN is legally wedded Spouse of Bibhas Kumar Khan, presently r/a No 203, Unit-2, Rams Lake View Medows, 4th Main Vinayaka Nagar, IAF Post Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063 have changed my name from **KAKOLI KHAN** to **KAKALI KHAN**, Vide affidavit dated 05-08-2023 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. SULAIKHA .P.P**, W/o Prakasan T.P, age 48 years, R/at Flat NO. 1142, Oak Block-1, Sobha Forest View, Off Kanakapura Road, 100 ft., Vajarahalli Road, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that in my passport my name is entered as **SULAIKHA POOKKATTU PURAYIL** and in my pan card as **SULAIKAA POOKATTU PURAYIL** and in my DL it is entered as **SULEKHA PRAKASAN**, now I wish to change my above said names to **SULEKHA PRAKASAN**, vide affidavit dated 11th July 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAKASH MOHAN KUPPA**, R/of Flat No. 117, 1st Floor, Sai Sumukha Sterling Apartments, Dasarahalli Main Road, Hebbal Kempapura, Bengaluru-560024, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAKASH KUPPA NARAYANAIYER MOHAN** to **PRAKASH MOHAN KUPPA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRAKASH MOHAN KUPPA** only, vide affidavit dated 05-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **DIWAKAR .N KAGAWAD** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASHIRAHMED MOHAMMEDSAHEB BEPARI**, S/o. Mohammed Sab Bepari, residing at#6, 27/3, Near Holy Mother School, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru 560078, have changed my name to **BASHIR AHMED BEPARI**, vide Affidavit Dated: 03/08/2023 before Notary **S.RAMESH**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. MADHUSUDHANA SANKU**, Resident of No. 78, Srinivasam, Phase-2, Odion, The Woods of East, Chikkanayakanahalli, Bangalore - 560 035, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **MADDILETI SAINANDHAN SUNKU** to **NANDHAN SUNKU** vide affidavit dated 04.08.2023 sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Manil Prakash Nair, S/o. Manil Narayan Nair, R/at No C 501, SJR Spencer, Aswath Nagar, Marathahalli, Munnekolala, Bengaluru - 560037, Karnataka, India. I have changed my name from '**MANIL PRAKASH**' to '**MANIL PRAKASH NAIR**' sworn before advocate and notary Mr.H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, vide affidavit dated August 4, 2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HETAL DOSHI, resident of No.202-B, Kewal Kunj, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, 5th Cross, Near Jain Temple, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, have changed my Name from**
HETAL to HETAL DOSHI
Vide Affidavit dated 04.08.2023 sworn before L. Shankaranarayana Advocate and Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SREEDEVI VARMA** R/at Flat No.D2-402, Golden Palms Apartment, K.Narayanpura Road, Kothanur, Dr.Sivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560077, have changed my son's name from **NIKHIL SUTHRAM** to **NIKHIL VARMA** vide affidavit dated: 1/8/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MALATA SHERAKHANE Residing at No.11, 21st Cross, 24th Main, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Puttenahalli, Bengaluru – 560 078, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MALATA SHERAKHANE** to **(NEW NAME) MALATA UDAY KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 05.08.2023 sworn before Notary Rajashekhara Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. ACHINT S PRAKASAN**, S/o Prakasan T.P, age 20 years, R/at Flat No. 1142, Oak Block-1, Sobha Forest View, Off Kanakapura Road, 100 ft., Vajarahalli Road, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that in my Birth certificate, Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Educational Records and other documents my name is entered as **ACHINT S PRAKASAN** and in my passport it is mentioned as **ACHINT SULAIKHA PRAKASAN**, now I wish to change my name from **ACHINT S PRAKASAN** to **MORPHEUS RONIN ALDER**, vide affidavit dated 11th July 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **INDIRA**, aged about 68 years, W/o Nagaraja Malavalli Ramaswamy, R/at Tower 5 Apartments 1204, Salarpuria Sattva Divinity, Pantarpalya, Nayandahalli, Bengaluru-560039, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **INDIRA NAGARAJA** to **INDIRA**, henceforth I shall be known and called **INDIRA** only, vide affidavit dated 04-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **WAHEEDA BANU BASHIR AHMED BEPARI**, W/o. BASHIR AHMED BEPARI, residing at#6, 27/3, Near Holy Mother School, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru 560078, have changed my name to **WAHEEDA BANU** vide Affidavit Dated: 03/08/2023 before Notary **S.RAMESH**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANNAPURNA BOGGARAPU**, W/o. Madhusudhana Sunku, Resident of No. 78, Srinivasam, Phase-2, Odion, The Woods of East, Chikkanayakanahalli, Bangalore - 560 035, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANNAPURNA SUNKU** to **ANNAPURNA BOGGARAPU** vide affidavit dated 04.08.2023 sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANURAG VIJAYENDRA NALAPUR**, S/o Vijendra Prahlad Nalapur residing at Plot No.248, Anugraha Mahaveer Nagar Jewargi Road, Near Kothari Bhavan, Kalaburagi-585102, have changed my name from ANURAG VIJENDRA NALAPUR to **ANURAG VIJAYENDRA NALAPUR** vide affidavit dated 02-08-2023 sworn before Notary S Subashini, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KISHOR KAKARLA PATTABHI, S/o. K P R Guptha, residing at No.73/16, 3rd A Cross, Iyyanna Shetty Layout, Mysore Road, Near Byatarayanapura Police Station, Bangalore- 560026, have changed my Name to
KISHORA KAKARLA PATTABHI
Vide Affidavit dated 05.08.2023 sworn before L. Shankaranarayana Advocate and Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MANJUNATH HEGDE Residing at No.S-1300, 4th Cross, Dwarakavasa Road, Near karnataka Bank, Bharathnagar, 2nd Stage, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MANJUNATH HEGDE** to **(NEW NAME) MANJUNATH SHAMBHULINGA HEGDE** vide affidavit dated 04.08.2023 sworn before Notary B.Prasanna Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) B PURUSHOTHAMAN Residing at No.481, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Bahubalinagar, Bengaluru 560013, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) B PURUSHOTHAMAN** to **(NEW NAME) RAVI BALAJI RAJ** vide affidavit dated 05.08.2023 sworn before Notary Chandrakala Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **KRISHNAMURTHY ARJUN GOWDA**, S/o H.T. Krishna Murthy, age 29 years, R/at No. 301, 6th Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore-38 do hereby declare that my correct name is **KRISHNAMURTHY ARJUN GOWDA** and all my authenticated documents i.e. Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Bank Pass Book, Driving Licence and educational documents, my name reflects as **KRISHNAMURTHY ARJUN GOWDA** only, vide affidavit dated 5-8-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.T. THIPPESWAMY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYASEELI .D** W/o Damodharan, R/at No. 4, 1st Cross, Iyappa Block, Vannarpet, Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560047, Karnataka, have changed my name from **RANI** to **JAYASEELI .D**, vide affidavit dated 05-08-2023, before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bengaluru..

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VIJAYAKUMAR R, Resident of Dhanayakapura, Shimoga, Karnataka-577227, have changed my name to **VIJAY KUMAR R**, vide affidavit dated: 02.08.2023 before notary H.G.Padmanabha Rao, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **S ANAND ALWAR** S/o. Sree Ranga Bhattacharya, Resident in # 8, Sree Bhuneela Srinivasa Temple, Marenahalli, Bagaluru, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 562 149, do hereby declare that my correct name is **S ANAND ALWAR** as per my Aadhaar and Pan Card. I state that my name wrongly mentioned as **ANAND ALWARU** in my passport. Vide affidavit dated 05.08.2023 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TAHA HABIBA MANDI**, W/o. Shahmaaz Ahmed Mandi, Resident of No. 503, 4th Main Road, 3rd Block, H B R Layout, Bengaluru-560048, have changed my name to **TAHA HABIBA KURDI**, vide affidavit dated: 05.08.2023 before notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRABUDAS DEVADAS, residing at: No. 34/3, 20 'M' Cross, Rama Temple Road, Ejipura, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru-560047 have changed my Name to
PRABUDAS DEVADOSS
Vide Affidavit dated 05.08.2023 sworn before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate and Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VAISHALI DEVENDRA DHOLU Residing at No.198, Janatha Colony, Sulibele, Hosakote taluk, Bengaluru Rural-562129, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VAISHALI DEVENDRA DHOLU** to **(NEW NAME) VAISHALI JAY PATEL** vide affidavit dated 04.08.2023 sworn before Notary B.Prasanna Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASHWIN SUVARNA LAJWANTH KUMAR**, S/o. Lajwanth Kumar Jayakumar, age 29 years, residing at #67/3, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, JCR Layout, Bhoganahalli Main Road, Panathur, Bengaluru East, Bengaluru 560103 have changed my name from **LAJWANTH YASHWIN SUVARNA** to **YASHWIN SUVARNA LAJWANTH KUMAR**, vide Affidavit Dated: 05/08/2023 before Notary **Gangaraju.B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASAVARAJA CHANNAMALLAPPA**, aged about 47 years, S/o Nagappa Channamallappa, R/at No. 98, 1st B Main 14th Cross, Soundarya Layout, Sidedahalli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560073, India, have changed my name from **BASAVARAJU CHANNAMALLAPPA** to my new name **BASAVARAJA CHANNAMALLAPPA**, vide affidavit dated 05-08-2023, duly sworn to before Sri **RAMASANJEEVAIAH .K.V**, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
WE, **GANESH GIDDAPPA & ASHWINI PARTHAIAH**, residing at #5, Behind Maramma Temple, Kathriguppe, BSK III Stage, Bengaluru 560085 have changed the name of our minor daughter name from **SANAA GANESH** to **AARIA GANESH**, vide Affidavit Dated: 02/08/2023 before Notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KUMARASWAMY**, S/o Sundaraiah S K, R/o Flat No. 002, Ground floor Classic Project No.1, 4th Cross Kodipalya, Kengeri, DR. C V Raman Road, Balakrishnappa Layout Hemmigepura, Bangalore - 560060 have permanently changed my name from **KUMARASWAMY** to **KUMARASWAMY K S**, vide affidavit dated 04/08/2023, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
This is to declare that RAMACHANDRAPPA.M S/o Rangappa.M, Aged about 47 years, residing at No.15, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Papanna Layout, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560 032, have changed my daughter's name from
'MEENA.R.N' to 'MEENA RAM'
vide Affidavit dated 04/08/2023, sworn before Sri.P.Nanjunda, B.A LLB, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt of India, Bangalore. Herein afterwards my daughter be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as 'MEENA RAM' only.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P. Hemanth**, S/o. Mr. Appaswamy Raju R/at No.109/110, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Vivekananda Road, Balaji Layout, Near G.R. Kalyana Mantapa, Bhadrappa Layout, Bangalore North, RMV Extension, 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 094. have changed my minor Daughter's name CHATURYA P.H to **CHATURYA H.**, I have sworn to an affidavit dated 4.08.2023 before Advocate & Notary K. V. Nanjaiah, Bangalore, confirming the said fact.

SHREYAS MANJU TO STAR IN VETERAN DIRECTOR S NARAYAN'S NEXT

The *Paddehulli* actor has three ongoing projects, and this will be the latest addition to his lineup

Shreyas Manju

S Narayan

A SHARADHAA

VETERAN filmmaker S Narayan, who has wrapped up filming the Aditya-starrer *5G*, is planning to release the film this September. The filmmaker, who temporarily paused his work due to the Karnataka elections, has returned with a fresh project. Starring Shreyas Manju in the lead role, the film is set to mark the *Paddehuli* actor's maiden collaboration with the veteran director. Confirming this development to *CE*, Narayan revealed that the initial discussions have taken place, and the storyline is locked in too.

Billing the film to be a commercial entertainer infused with impactful content set in a contemporary backdrop, Narayan says, "The narrative will resonate with both parents and children alike." The filmmaker is meticulously assembling the cast and crew of the project, and the details of the same are expected to be out soon.

Meanwhile, Shreyas Manju is eagerly awaiting the release of *Vishnupriya*, a romantic drama helmed by VK Prakash. *Vishnupriya*, produced by K Manju and featuring Gopi Sundar's musical compositions, also marks the Kannada debut of Malayalam actress Priya Prakash Varrier.

Concurrently, Shreyas is busy filming for *Dildaar*, which marks the directorial debut of Madhu Gowda Gangur and also stars Priyanka Kumar. Additionally, Shreyas has given the green light to another project, which is written by Chennai-based Naga, and is expected to be a romantic film. The director of this project is yet to be finalised.

Anirudha Jatkar headlines Anand Raj's *Chef Chidambara*

Billed as a dark comedy, the film also stars Nidhi Subbaiah and Rachel David

Anirudha Jatkar

Anand Raj

CE FEATURES

WRITER and director Anand Raj, who made his debut with *Raaghu*, starring Vijay Raghavendra, is currently preparing his second project. The upcoming film, which heralds the return of actor Aniruddha Jatkar to the silver screen after a five-year hiatus, will feature him in the role of a chef. The film is titled *Chef Chidambara*, and it was Sudeep who revealed the title on Sunday.

Described by Anand as a 'dark comedy,' the film showcases Aniruddha in the role of a chef for the first time. Reflecting on how Anirudh came on board, Anand explains, "I had penned the script, and was in search of a fitting actor in his 30s, someone who could resonate with family audiences, and the thought of Aniruddha struck me. He liked the script during the initial narration, and everything else smoothly fell into place."

Talking about the film, Anand says, "The narrative encompasses elements of crime, murder, and mystery, revolving around the protagonist's internal conflict, his entrapment, and the strategies he employs to extricate himself from the predicament."

The film also stars Nidhi Subbaiah and Rachel David. "While Nidhi Subbaiah carries an embodiment of boldness and intelligence, portraying a never-before character, Rachel David assumes the role of the chef's love interest."

Chef Chidambara, presented by Damthi Pictures and produced by Roopa DN, includes cinematographer Uday Leela and composer Ritvik Muralidhar in the crew. The film, which is set to go on floors on August 10, also stars Sharath Lohithashwa and Shivamani.

Matinee strikes a perfect note with the first single

CE FEATURES

SATHISH Ninansam and Rachita Ram, who previously delighted audiences with their work in *Ayogya*, are gearing up to recreate the same magic with their next, *Matinee*. The makers recently released the film's first single, *Sanje Mele Sumne Phonu*, which has garnered a strong response.

Composed by Poornachandra Tejaswi, and sung by Vijay Prakash, the song aims to emulate the success of *Ayogya's Enammi Enammi*, which featured Sathish and Rachita,.

Apart from the music and vocals, Sathish has also praised the outstanding art direction, dance choreography, and cinematography of the song.

Expressing his enthusiasm about *Matinee*, Sathish shares that the story resonated with both him and Rachita, and the film is bolstered by the presence of Aditi Prabhudeva.

Matinee, which is directed by Manohar Kaampali, also stars Nagabhushan and Shivraj K R Pete in important roles.

Backed by S Parvathi, the romantic thriller, which is likely to hit the screens this September, will have cinematography by Kranthi Varla, and editing by KM Prakash.

A still from the film

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK SEQUEL IN DEVELOPMENT

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SCARY Stories to Tell in the Dark was released in 2019 and we have learnt now that there is hope for its long-awaited sequel. In a recent interaction with a media house, director André Øvredal shared that a script has already been in the works.

Screenwriters Dan Hageman and Kevin Hageman are committed to the project and have been actively developing it alongside Øvredal. But the exact status of the sequel is unknown as the writer's strike is still continuing.

Based on the classic series of books of the same name by Alvin Schwartz, Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark revolves around a group of unsuspecting teens who encounter the book of Sarah Bellows, which puts them into untold horrors. While the conflict of the first film ended with the spirit of Sarah, the story still left more to be explored, with several key characters still missing in an unknown world. There is no official release date for *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark 2* yet.

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